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Phon-A-Thon concludes today

'Maybe' pledges should enable drive to reach goal of \$75,000

Today is the last day for Missouri Southern's third annual Phon-A-Thon.

The total amount pledged as of yesterday afternoon was close to \$57,000; but Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation, said she thought the goal of \$75,000 had actually been met.

"We think maybe we have reached the goal because of all of the 'maybe' pledges we've had," Billingsly said. "Those type of pledges totalled \$30,000 last year."

Despite the fact that illnesses and emergencies have plagued the volunteer staff, Kreta Gladden, alumni director, said volunteer

cooperation has been good.

"We've had a lot of personal emergencies and illnesses, but we've called all of the people who told us to call in case of an emergency, and they've come in to call," she said. "We really do appreciate our volunteers. They are what really makes a Phon-A-Thon."

Billingsly and Gladden agreed that the total number of pledges this year is up from last year.

As of Tuesday night, the two days in which the most dollars were pledged had been Monday, Feb. 11, and Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Phon-A-Thon kick-off was held Sunday, Feb. 13.

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Community support of the fund drive has been good, according to Gladden.

"A lot of local businesses have cooperated by advertising outdoor signs," she said. "I've had a lot of friends ask me about it after seeing the signs."

"One business on Highway 71 between Joplin and Neosho even called and wanted to know how to advertise the Phon-A-Thon," Billingsly added.

Patrons have an option of pledging restricted gifts for a particular area of the College, or unrestricted gifts appropriated by the Missouri Southern Foundation where the greatest needs are. Billingsly said most pledges have been unrestricted gifts.

"Those are best because we [the

Foundation] know where the greatest needs are on campus."

In June, the Foundation Board of Directors meets and designates where the gifts will go. Last year, a large portion of the unrestricted gifts went toward Southern's child-care center.

Gladden said callers have been pleased with the way the community has responded to the Phon-A-Thon.

"The callers have been telling me that they really enjoy it," she said, "because of the nice reception they get from the people they have called."

Anyone wanting to pledge money toward the Phon-A-Thon may call the alumni house at 624-8100, Ext. 352.

College detects gas leak

Shipman doubts it to be a threat

A possible natural gas line leak has been detected around the driveway between the mansion house and the television studios on campus.

Howard Dugan, director of the physical plant, said he received a report Monday that a person had smelled gas in the area.

"We went up and checked it out, but we couldn't smell anything," he said. "But just to be sure we contacted the Gas Service Company."

The Gas Service Company came to campus Tuesday and used a mechanism that detects gas odor.

"They found two or more spots where gas is probably leaking," said Dr. Paul Shipman, vice president for business affairs. "We will probably have to dig down and replace the line."

Dugan said he suspects the leak to be underneath the driveway between the two buildings.

"It's hard to find," Dugan said, "because it's not a big leak. They're going to bring a backhoe out and dig down to the main, which means cutting through the concrete. We'll know more about it after we get down to it."

Dugan said the leak was in a two-inch gas line running from a gas meter near the alumni house across to the mansion. He said the line had probably been there for 50 years.

If the line has deteriorated, Dugan said they would replace the entire pipe. Otherwise, only the damaged section will be replaced.

Shipman and Dugan said the leak posed no threat to persons in the area.

"I doubt there would be any threat," Shipman said, "but you don't want to neglect a situation like this. We're getting it fixed as quickly as possible."

"It's only a small leak, and you can barely smell it," said Dugan. "I see no threat involved at all."

Gale recruits students

Finalists visit campus

Several finalists and semifinalists with the National Merit Scholarship program are considering attending Missouri Southern next year through the Honors Program, according to Dr. Steven Gale, program director.

Two finalists toured the campus Monday, and two others have also been to the College for interviews and tours.

"This is an indicator of the level of students we are recruiting through the program," Gale said. "None of these students would be coming to Southern if it weren't for the Honors Program."

The National Merit Scholarship is the most prestigious program in the country, Gale said.

This has been the first year for the program at Southern, and Gale said it has been "very successful."

"A number of the students in the program have done very well," he said. "The instructors have also been very excited and pleased."

Gale is now in the process of recruiting students for next year's program.

"We are very competitive and selective," he said. "Not everyone who applies is accepted."

Thirty-one students are currently involved in the Program. Gale said about 30 will be admitted next year.

The program has been beneficial to the students, faculty, and the College, Gale said.

"It has been valuable to the campus as a whole in that it presents a picture to the community that is impressive," Gale said. "There is clearly a feeling on campus that the standards have been raised. In terms of teachers, they've learned things about teaching they never knew before, and they are applying that to their regular classes."

Gale said the honor students this year are pleased with the program.



Free service

Nurse Paula Wallace checks Mary Siegrist's blood pressure Monday in the Lions' Den. (Chart photo by Barb Fullerton)

Panel says value of degree has declined

Professors central to troubles and solutions

By Martin C. Oetting
Executive Manager

Recent findings by a national study panel show that the value and worth of a bachelor's degree has declined.

The panel says it is up to the faculty at colleges and universities to lead a restoration to reinstate the worth of an undergraduate education.

The report, prepared by the Association of American Colleges Committee, was released last week. The committee places most of the blame for this decline on professors.

"Central to the troubles and to the solutions are the professors," the report says. "The development that overwhelmed the old curriculum and changed the entire nature of higher education was the transformation of the professors from teachers concerned with the characters and minds of their students to professionals, scholars with Ph.D. degrees with an allegiance to academic disciplines

course of study and in the role of college faculties in creating and nurturing that decay," the panel said.

According to the report, faculty members are to play a large part in restoring the current curricula to higher standards, especially in graduate education so that future college instructors will be better prepared to teach.

The first report, released in October, listed several "warning signals" that the quality of undergraduate education had declined. In November, a second report was released by William J. Bennett, Secretary of Education. This report called for a restoration of coherence and vitality to undergraduate programs in the humanities.

A 19-member committee was set up by the Association of American Colleges in 1982, with a purpose of redefining the meaning and purpose of baccalaureate degrees.

"Our report addresses the crisis in American education as it is revealed in the decay of the college

major career option for most holders of the Ph.D. degree is full-time teaching in a college or university."

Candidate evaluation is another issue the committee stressed concerning future instructors in higher education.

"If teaching in American higher education is to become more effective and responsible, the awarding of the Ph.D. degree should also mean that the candidate has been evaluated as a teacher and not found wanting, and that the formal experience leading to the degree has included appropriate instruction in the responsibilities of the profession."

Concerning undergraduate curricula, the committee said American institutions "have reached a point at which they are more confident about the length of a college education than its content or purpose."

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Southern delegates visit model U.N. conference

Seven students, Teverow, represent Algeria

Seven delegates from Missouri Southern are attending the Midwest Model United Nations Conference being held in St. Louis this week.

During the Conference, the delegates will have many responsibilities as they represent a certain country in mock meetings of the United Nations. Prior to the conference, delegates study and prepare to state the positions held by the country they "represent" on one or more major issues. They must understand the views held by other countries on these issues, and be ready to defend and sometimes modify their positions in public debate.

Delegates from Southern include Jim Morrison, head delegate; Teresa Athey, Kathy Hunter, Lou Ann Little, Angie Mason, Browder Swetnam, and Debbie Markman-Vaughn. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history, is serving as faculty sponsor for the delegates.

The Missouri Southern delegates, sponsored by the social science club, will be representing the country of Algeria.

Gail Demery, Barbara Glaus, and Jeane Grisham served as research assistants for the delegates.

"It really involved a lot of library work and time on our own," Grisham said. "I got most of my information from *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Forbes* Magazines. We tried to determine the background of the country. It was a real experience, because I really didn't know very much about the country."

Students from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada meet in St. Louis for the four-day conference. Each university is selected to represent a par-



Weather change

Warmer weather has finally arrived in southwest Missouri. Just two weeks ago snow blanketed the Missouri Southern campus, forcing most students indoors. Temperatures one year ago were as high as the upper 60's, and they're now climbing again. (Chart photo by Barb Fullerton)

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The Hamid-Morton Police Circus visited Memorial Hall last week.

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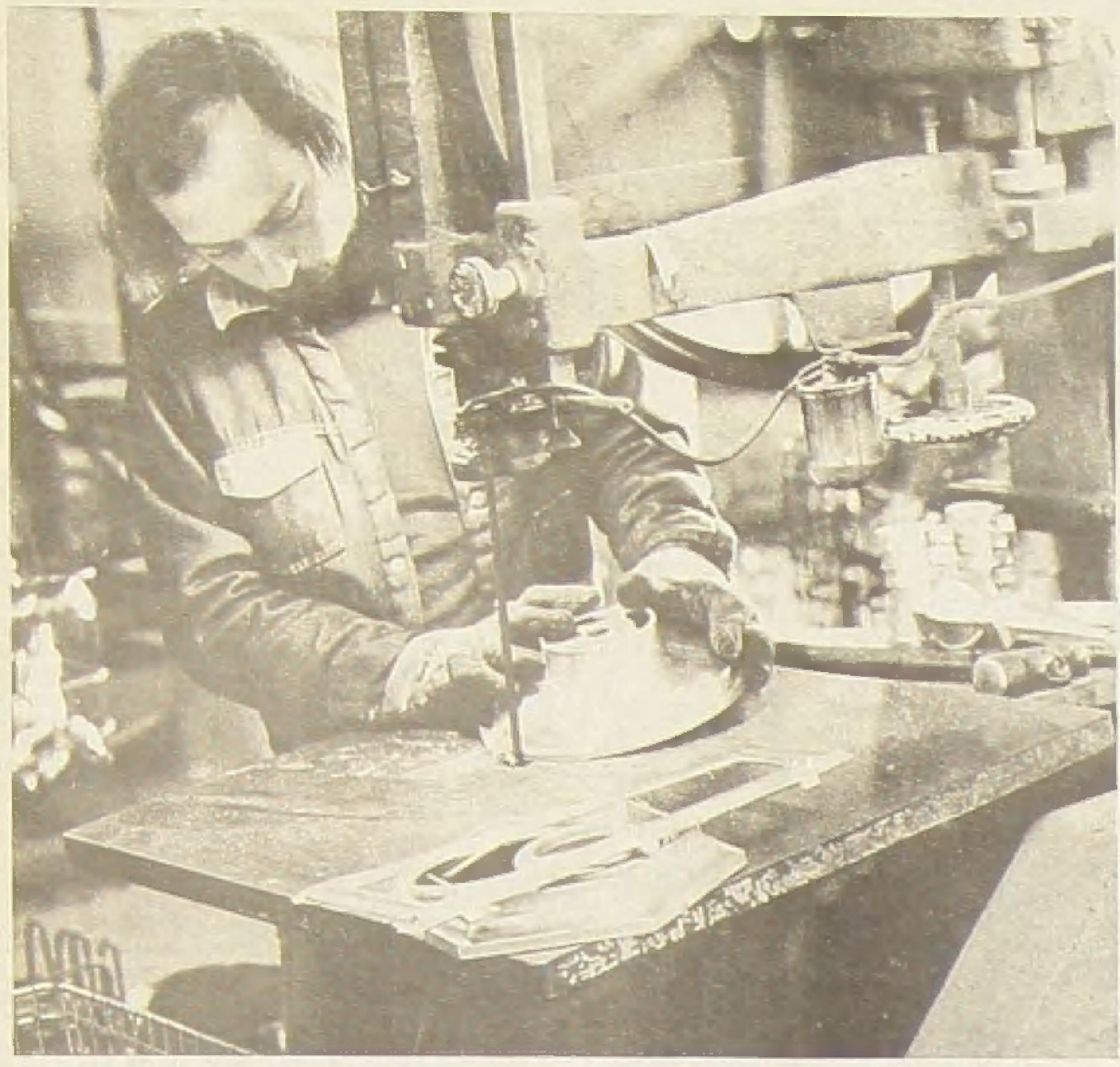
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Sen. Edwin Dirck says higher education will get a fair share of lottery receipts.

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Jim Hardy, who teaches an evening accounting class at Missouri Southern, is enthusiastic about his field.

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**Lanterns**

A worker with C&L Foundry in Golden City, Mo., trims flashing from a casting of one of Missouri Southern's lanterns. According to Howard Dugan, director of the physical plant, the castings should be together and back on campus sometime next week. (Special Chart photo by Howard Dugan)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The First National Mercantile Bank and Trust Company of Joplin has notified Missouri Southern of the availability of scholarships from the Mamie Holden Scholarship Fund.

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Assembly considers fund

Higher Education could acquire \$90 million

By Simon McCaffery
Associate Editor

JEFFERSON CITY — The possible acquisition and division of approximately \$90 million in funds for higher education, part of \$400 million in bonds, will be considered by the Missouri General Assembly this session.

"This session there are \$400 million in bonds that people will be pushing to get out," said Tim Hebron, State Representative Robert Holden's intern. "It will be one of the big issues this session."

House Bill 10, an appropriation bill, would call for the release of \$400 million in bonds that are part of a \$600 million State industrial revenue bond package.

"This is bond money remaining from an 1980 or 1982 ballot proposal," said Hebron. "The voters said 'yes.' To date, the State has issued \$200 million of the bonds. So there are \$400 million left—if they don't get out this session, they won't get out."

"Approximately \$80 million of the \$400 million is for higher education, and we've got a bunch of buildings we want to

build," he said. "As for the breakdown of funds, the General Assembly will determine where the money goes as far as when, where, and how that money is spent. The two big questions will be whether the bonds are released and the money is appropriated, and who will get it."

Other legislation concerning higher education in Missouri being considered this session includes the Educational Reform Package, according to Hebron.

The bill would call for increased student testing, written disciplinary codes, a raise in teachers' salaries, career ladders for teachers and incentive programs for school districts such as writing business programs.

Concerning funds and programs for higher education, Hebron outlined several avenues of action that schools take.

"Schools may try to influence the legislature through lobbying, such as holding receptions, dinners, or programs," he said. "They may talk or write to legislators and the Governor. They must be active."

Student teachers to be honored
Commissioner of Education to speak at banquet
Leon, Wuch and Merryman also to participate

Student teachers from Missouri Southern and their cooperating teachers in area public schools will be honored at a banquet held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Dr. Arthur Mallory, Commissioner of Education for the State of Missouri, will be the featured speaker at the dinner meeting.

Dr. Julio Leon, College President; Ed-

ward Wuch, director of clinical experiences in teacher education; and Dr. Edward Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology will also be participating in the program.

Some 97 student teachers, 115 public school teachers, 45 school principals, 18 superintendents will be guests at the dinner which is being hosted by the faculty of the department of education.

Nations

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ticular country as assigned by the Secretariat. For approximately three months the students study their respective countries, examining the cultural, historical, and political factors of their nation's foreign policy. These students are authorized to represent their country delegates in specific committees thus allowing them to examine problems within their own specialized area.

Each of the four major committees studies two contemporary international problems. Delegations pass resolutions within these committees which are then considered in the General Assembly debate. In the process of passing these resolutions, each delegate is forced to assume the role of representative of a particular country in formal debate, casual conversation, and in organized caucusing.

The Midwest Model United Nations is an all-collegiate organization dedicated to the concept of a "Venture in Practical Education." It is designed to furnish structure and a forum for students to work with the most pressing international issues from a perspective outside of the classroom, and thus broaden their awareness of world politics.

This year's conference has three goals to promote interest and understanding of the nations of the world; to help grasp an understanding of international policies and roles in the United Nations; and to encourage investigation into the real international politics.

Four committees have been organized to discuss the general assembly agenda topics. They are the Special Political Committee, the Political and Security Committee, the Economic and Financial Committee, and the Legal Committee.

Dr. Judith Conboy, head of the social science department, said the Midwest Model United Nations Conference is something participants rarely forget.

"When you come back, you're never the same again," Conboy said. "Some of our former students still talk about the Midwest Model United Nations."

Various organizations on campus have sponsored delegations to the convention over the past several years. This is the first year the social sciences department has sponsored the group.

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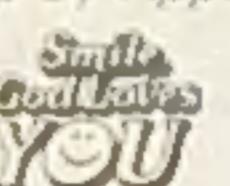
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Grim enjoys trip to Russia

'Circus was fantastic'

"The circus in Moscow was fantastic. I really enjoyed the pink hippopotamus," said Kathleen Grim.

From Sept. 22 to Oct. 5, Grim and her husband, Dr. Edward Grim, traveled through various cities in the Soviet Union on a trip arranged by Professional Seminar Consultants.

"We visited Russian physicians to observe their surgery procedures," she said.

They were given a tourist guide to take them to the attractions that were available for sightseers. Tourists are not allowed to travel in the Soviet Union without guides.

"Everywhere we went had to be cleared with them," said Grim.

Visits to theaters in Tashkent and Bukhara and museums in Leningrad and Moscow were a few of the highlights of her trip as well as some shopping.

"The women shoppers were big on polka dots," she said.

According to Grim certain items could be difficult to find.

"The government only produces what it wants to; everything they do, they do for the government first," she said.

In explaining her reaction to the trip, Grim said, "It was very interesting. It was more an educational trip than a pleasure trip. It gave me a lot of insight on communism as opposed to democracy."



Clean-up work

David Brigance, a member of Southern's yard crew, cleaned the cinders off the east parking lot last week. Due to the recent snow and ice, the yard crew spread cinders on all campus parking lots and roads to make traveling easier. College officials hope the last of the inclement weather has passed. (Chart photo by Barb Fullerton)

Enrollment stays steady

Number of credit hours generated increases

Enrollment for Missouri Southern's spring semester is "virtually the same" as last year, but the number of credit hours generated has increased, according to Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

Head count for full-time students is 2,604 and 1,333 for part-time students. This brings the total head count to 3,937, with 45,467 total credit hours being taken.

"This is about 300 more credit hours that are being generated," said Honey. "Overall our students are carrying heavier loads, which means we can offer more courses and services to the students."

In a breakdown of classes, there seems to be little fluctuation in the number of students.

"Our number of students in each grade category is similar, but the number of seniors is up slightly," said Honey.

According to Honey, these figures are

Yancey, Mayer place 4th

Superior competition' ousts Southern team

Missing equipment delayed the beginning of the table tennis tournament at the indoor game competitions at Wichita State University last weekend.

"We did not have our equipment, and the tournament was delayed for about 30 minutes," said Craig Yancey. "They gave us a chance to warm up, but we had no time to practice at all."

Yancey and Robert Mayer, representing Missouri Southern in the American College Union International Indoor Game Competitions, placed fourth in the table tennis doubles.

Value

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In the report, minimum requirements for the program would include:

Inquiry: abstract logical thinking, critical analysis. "To reason well, to recognize when reason and evidence are not enough, to discover the legitimacy of intuition, to subject inert data to the probing analysis of the mind—these are the primary experiences required of the undergraduate course of study."

Literacy: writing, reading, speaking, listening. "A bachelor's degree should mean that its holders can read, write, and speak at levels of distinction and have been given many opportunities to learn how. It also should mean that many of them do so with style."

Understanding numerical data. Students should encounter concepts that permit a sophisticated response to arguments and positions which depend on numbers and statistics. Such concepts would include degree of risk, scatter, uncertainty, orders of magnitude, rates of change, confidence levels and acceptability, and the interpretation of graphs as they are manifest in numbers."

Historical consciousness. "The more refined our historical understanding, the better prepared we are to recognize complexity, ambiguity and uncertainty in intractable conditions of human society."

Science Students should not only study the scientific method, but also the human, social, and political implications of scientific research."

Values Students should learn to "make real choices, assume responsibility for their decisions, be comfortable with their own behavior, and know why."

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Senate hears requests made by cheerleaders

Squad asks for \$1,318 for uniforms and expenses

Although their resolutions were not submitted by the proper deadline, Missouri Southern's cheerleaders were allowed to make three appeals for funding to the Student Senate last night.

Last semester they made a request for funding, but were told to resubmit their proposal when their budget was depleted. Ed Van Pouke reported on behalf of the cheerleading squad last night that their budget was zero. He also reported that the team had a \$1,300 deficit remaining from last year after this semester's budget was used.

Nancy Foster, the squad's adviser, paid an additional \$1,000 of her personal income to cover previous expenses. The cheerleaders then made an appeal to the administration for more support, received \$500, and paid off the remaining bills.

However, a recent trip to Fort Hays (Kan.) State University to cheer at a basketball game used the remaining \$200. This left the cheerleaders with no budget.

In the first resolution, the cheerleaders requested that \$850 be appropriated to update uniforms. The squad, which consisted of four males and four females last semester, has grown to 12 this spring, and not all outfits match.

Larry Trigg, a member of the squad,

said, "We are representing Missouri Southern State College when we cheer at games. I wear better clothes to play racquetball in than I wear to these games."

The second reading of the resolution will be next week, and the matter will then be voted upon.

In their second proposal, the cheerleaders requested an additional \$468 to cover travel expenses to the Lady Lions' basketball playoffs in Kansas City if the team makes it. According to Foster, the team requested the cheerleaders attendance but was unable to contribute to costs. The squad approached the administration, but did not receive any money. The \$468 would cover motel, food, and gasoline money for the squad.

The cheerleaders requested summe \$500 for a new mascot suit. The present one is six years old, and Van Pouke said that Lance Smith, the mascot, has to wear brown dress socks for feet, must tape his hands on, and the Lion's head has to be puttied in his head before each performance. Lisa Funderburk, Senate president, said she thought money was appropriated two years ago to purchase a new Lion suit, and wants to know where it is.

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In the open

Pro-life legislation stands little chance

Judith O'Connor, a state representative from Bridgeton, Mo., has introduced a bill that condones all violence (short of murder) directed at abortion clinics. The bill was written by Rep. O'Connor with the assistance of a "right-to-life" group known as Citizens for Life of St. Louis. If passed, it would allow a person who perpetuates any violence short of a class A felony against an abortion clinic to use the legal defense called justification: If the person had a "good faith belief that his conduct [was] necessary to save a human life from imminent threat," then his action was "justifiable." Bombings, arson, assault, burglary, and robbery will all become justifiable in the State of Missouri, as long as they were directed at abortion clinics and the people in them, if the law is passed.

Not satisfied with the laws of the land, the rulings of our federal Supreme Court, and the beliefs of a majority of Americans, Rep. O'Connor and Company are, in effect, trying to define life as beginning at conception. Their hypocrisy is appalling. In trying to protect what they think is a human life, they are willing to risk the lives of real people with their violence. O'Connor claims she only wants to protect peaceful protesters. But if the protesters she wants to protect are peaceful, why do they need such a defense?

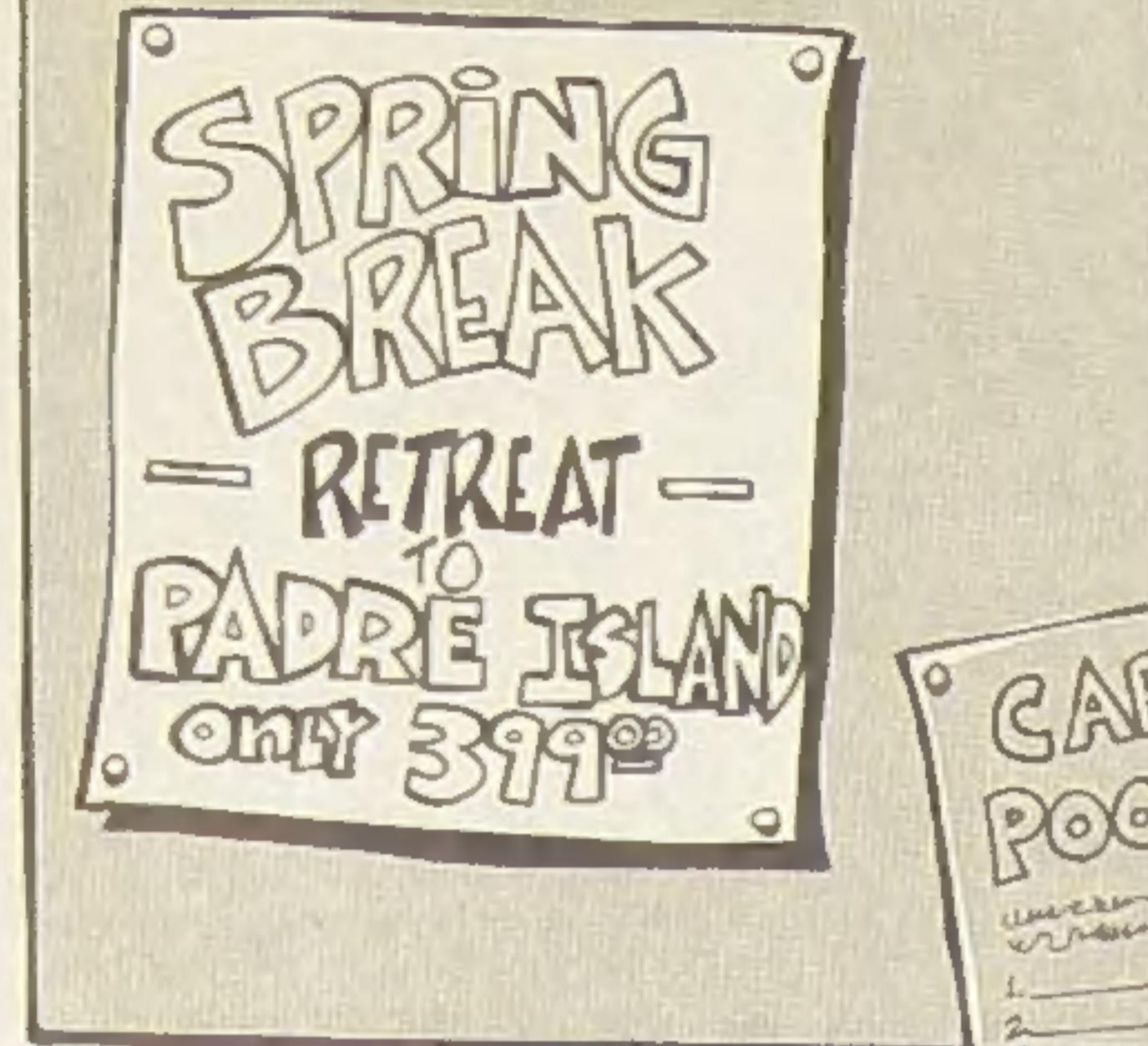
In democratic politics, there is always a compromise. In this case, the compromise might have been limiting abortions on demand to the first trimester of pregnancy. By resorting to terrorism, the "right-to-lifers" have rejected the democratic process and have greatly reduced the chances of a compromise. With the latest polls showing a majority of the people against them, they now stand little chance of attaining their lofty goals.

Funding for parks

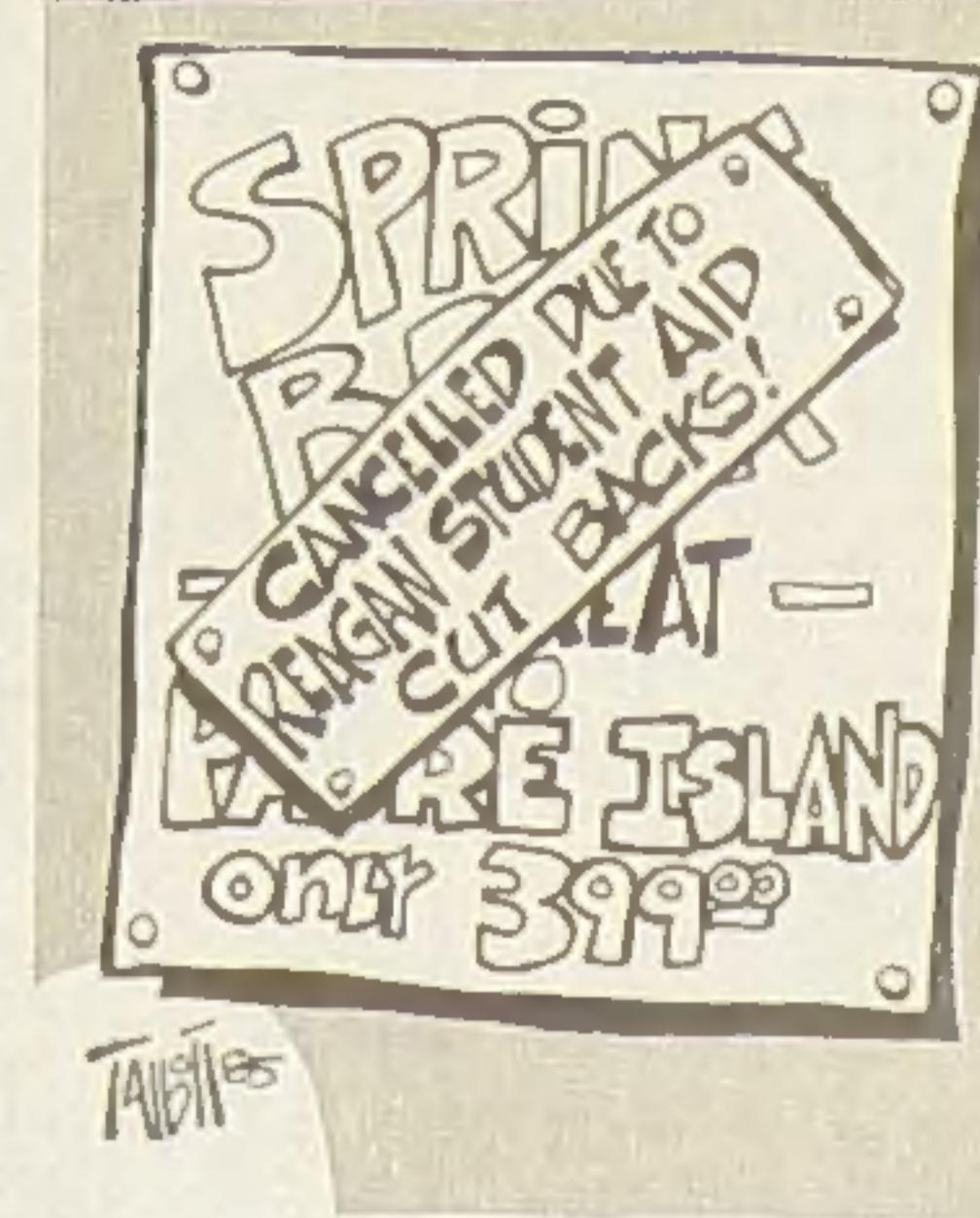
Missouri voters indicated their support of additional monies for state parks by instituting the one-tenth cent sales tax for parks and soil conservation last November. Half of the money was to go to the state parks and half was to go soil conservation efforts. The money for the parks was to be used for capital improvements to the parks system, with park operating funds coming from the general revenue as always.

For reasons unknown at this time, the governor's budget proposal for fiscal year 1986 includes only enough general revenue to support park operations until the parks and soil sales tax revenues become available. According to Fran Early, chairman of the Ozark Chapter of the Sierra Club, if general revenue funds aren't appropriated to support day to day park operations, there will be no parks improvements and deterioration will continue. This was not the purpose of the tax. The amendment that instituted the tax specifically stated that the money collected was to be additional money for improvements to the parks. The governor needs to revise his budget requests to include operating funds for our state parks. Failure to do so shows a blatant disregard of the wishes of the people.

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Editor's column:

Administration is right in cutting student aid

By Martin C. Oetting
Executive Manager

Everyone has heard that the Reagan Administration wants to cut federal funding for student grants and loans.

I have listened to radio and television broadcasts. I have read articles in several newspapers. Basically, Reagan feels the federal government is being too lenient in lending money to students. I feel the proposed plan for cutting student loans and grants is feasible for several reasons.

First, I know of many, and I mean many students right here at Missouri Southern who use little, if any, of their federal loans or grants for tui-

tion. Many students incur a wide array of expenses while in college, and many of these expenses should not be funded by the federal government (i.e. weekend parties, stereos, new clothes, trips over school breaks, and, in at least one case, a VCR, complete with a movie club membership.)

Those in government want to get the most out of every dollar they spend, and that means they want the most education out of every dollar they lend a college student. But no one ever said those federal loans and grants were to finance the total lifestyle of the college student. Perhaps students should resort to the old custom of writing home for money, instead of writing Uncle Sam.

A second reason why I feel the cuts are best is

that many students attending college today really are not cut out for college work. To justify my opinion, look at all the learning centers being set up at colleges and universities all over the United States so students can learn how to study for themselves. I don't know about others, but that is something I learned in 9th grade.

The Reagan Administration is criticized for defense spending is rarely reduced. I agree defense should not receive priority over education, but I feel the American people should take a look at how this federal money is often wasted on college students.

In Perspective:

Professor feels testing is illogical in many ways

By Dr. Brian C. Babbitt
Professor of Psychology

American education is on the move. And in the right direction. How do we know? Easy. Because we've gotten tough on students. We've got state-mandated achievement tests every other year. We've got competency tests. By golly, we're using the ACT test to decide which people can even try to become teachers in Missouri. I'll bet you dollars to holes in doughnuts that within a short time MSSC students (particularly Education majors) will have to pass English and Math competency tests to graduate.

You know, though, I still have a nagging, even gnawing suspicion that maybe this testing stuff isn't quite the simple solution it seems to be. Why? Because of the illogic of testing. Let's start with the illogic of achievement tests. These are required in the schools to insure that students across the state have the same knowledge. But local school boards are supposed to control the school and decide the needs of local students. Local educational objectives cannot differ much from State goals then, unless a district is willing to have its scores reported lower than other districts which "play the game." It's also interesting to note all the Republican legislators who have voted for this further intrusion of big government into local control. Perhaps they didn't notice the illogic of this.

The next example of testing illogic is the use of ACT scores to keep people out of teaching. Of course, we don't want to do anything positive to attract the best to education. We could improve salaries and working conditions, but that would constitute "throwing money at the problem." We already know that money isn't important. Just look

at all the purely intrinsically motivated students heading for Computer Science. But, the greatest illogic of this is the fact that ACT scores don't have any relationship with teaching success (predictive validity). This is roughly comparable to using G.P.A.'s to predict which people are good racquetball players. Even the people who make the ACT realize this—because of these misuses they've been heard threatening to pull their tests off the market. They've also been heard mumble, "Damn fools, how could they do this ethically, when they know that ACT scores don't even predict success in a specific college class, let alone a complex activity like teaching?"

Let's move on to the illogic of competency testing. Actually, there are several illogics here. The first has to do with who should be competent. Everyone seems to think that teachers should be competent. Me, too. But I also want everyone else to be competent. With small businesses failing at high rates and banks closing, maybe even business and economics majors should be competent. Maybe we should even have a competency test for elected officials. Sure would reduce the number of people running for office. How many of our current legislators could pass? Of course, it's always easier to suggest that others need to be tested.

A second illogic is that passing a competency test means someone is competent. Like doctors and lawyers. (If that wasn't enough for you, check out the number of malpractice suits filed every year or try to find a lawyer who can write an understandable contract).

The really funny third illogic is that students have already taken a competency test before they graduate. In every class. From a variety of instructors who all said you were competent in that sub-

ject matter. That's what all those little letters on your transcript mean. They mean competency. We're going to let one test designed by God know Who be the judge of competency? The illogic almost overwhelming.

Finally, there's an illogic that cuts across all testing mumbo-jumbo. It goes like this: Question: When you build a better mousetrap, what do you do? Answer: A better mouse. (I hope this little pun isn't offensive to you creationists out there.)

Question: What do you get when you add achievement and competency tests and say, "Success will effect promotion of students and faculty, salaries, and even state aid to schools?"

Answer: You get higher achievement scores and more people passing competency tests.

Question: Does this mean the quality of education has been improved?

Answer: No. Usually it means that we spend time teaching just those things that will be on the test, nothing more. This is because we know these tests measure everything important a student needs to know, at least as of three years ago. We also make sure certain students are unavailable for testing until too late to include their scores in the average. We also help students to be sure to understand the question before they answer, particularly if they've already marked it wrong.

Question: Have achievement scores started to go up, and are more people passing competency tests?

Answer: Yes. In some cases, there has been unbelievable improvement.

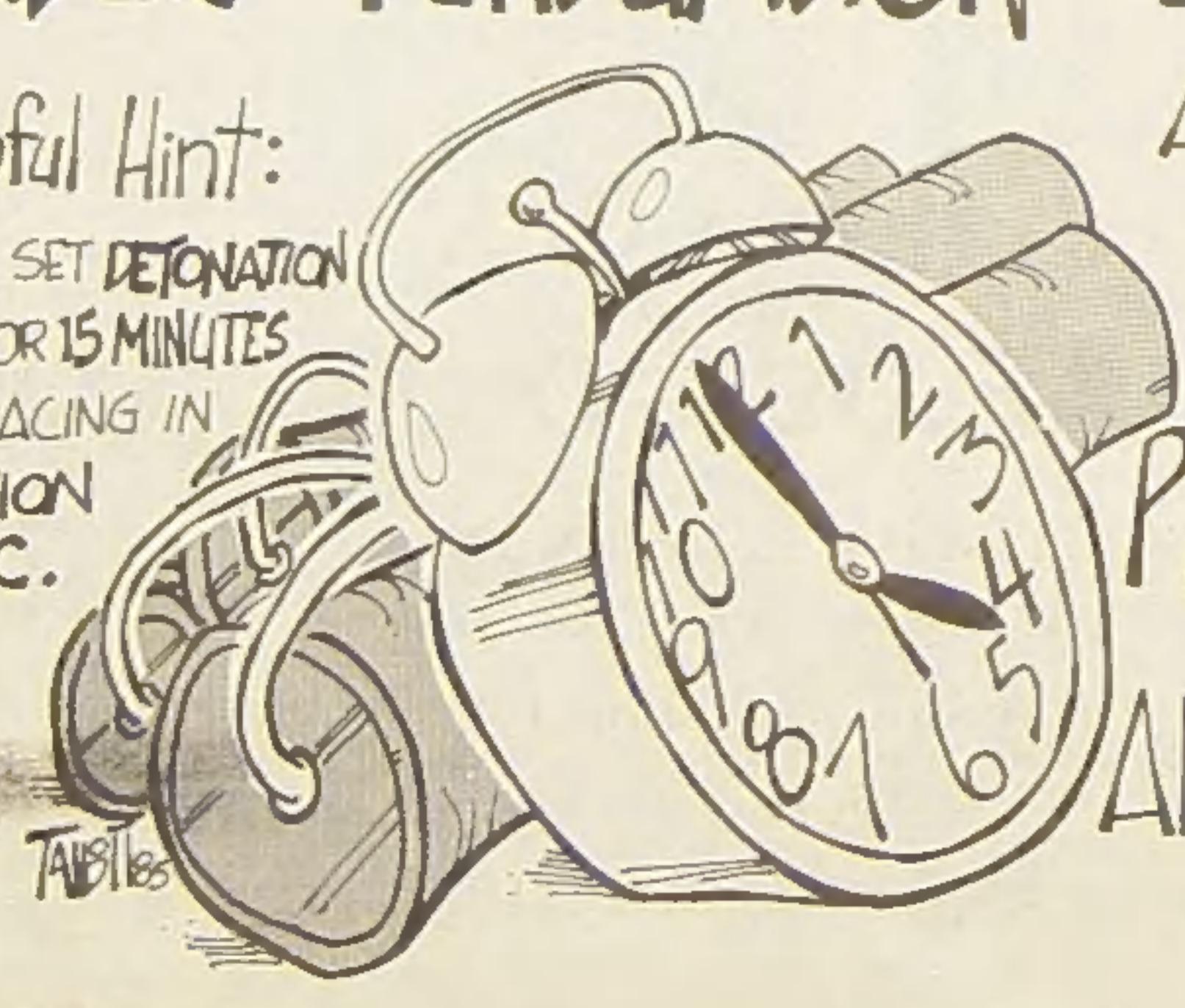
Question: Then all's well with Education, getting better?

Answer: I doubt it.

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City Faces



**Artist
at work**

Murray Barton, who has not had any art lessons, recreates a painting of a unicorn for a nurse at Chastain's Tradition House.



Preparation

The artist mixes paints next to his drawing easel in his room. He receives his supplies from Howsman's Office Supply.

Murray Barton: The man, the artist, the inventor

'I've led an almost unbelievable life,' says resident of local nursing home

"I've led an almost unbelievable life," said Murray Barton, a resident at Chastain's Tradition House in Joplin.

Barton was born with a creative talent, which has led him to invent and create items throughout his life.

"It's a natural instinct or tendency," he said. "I guess I'm what you would call a gadgeteer."

According to Barton, a gadgeteer is someone who is constantly working with gadgets in order to create something new or find a way to make something old better.

When Barton was eight years old television did not exist. Radio was present, but the broadcasts were not widespread. Through experiments he constructed a crystal set radio out of a salt box.

"I borrowed a pair of earphones and when I hooked it up and put them on, it was playing something as pretty as you could please," said Barton.

In 1941 Barton went to work in the inspection department for the Beach Air Craft Company. He was later asked to transfer into engineering under the title of salvage engineer. He was in charge of

telling persons what to do to repair mistakes.

"It was the natural ability again," said Barton. "There were eight men working under me and everyone had a degree but me. It was classical experience versus book work."

"I could just look at it and tell what was wrong; they couldn't."

Barton later transferred into the experimental department again. He was working with small forms of plastic. During this time fiberglass was introduced. The company would receive samples of the product before it was marketed.

Working in this department intrigued Barton. He was fascinated with plastics.

"I wanted to make a bunch of things for myself, but it was the company's machine so I couldn't," he said.

Barton became familiar with the machine and built his own. His company then became interested in it, applied for a patent, and made 500 machines.

"There's got to be a better way," was something he often found himself thinking.

After leaving that organization, Barton

began working for a plastic company in Kansas City. His job was to design parts for the company.

"When a customer would come in with an item, it was my job to make a sample model of it," said Barton. "If it worked out it would go into production parts."

One evening when Barton went home from work, his child had a cold. When he tried to give the child medicine, the bottle which the medicine was in cracked.

Barton thought about that for some time and started experimenting at work.

"I built the first plastic bottle that was ever built," he said. "Everything was either glass or metal until then."

Barton presented the bottle to the president of the company and asked if he could go to Chicago to present it to the Murine Company.

The Murine Company liked the idea and decided to market it. Because the bottle was plastic, there were lower freight rates and no breakage. The marketing was actually expensive. The company no longer had to put eye droppers in the mouth of the bottle because Barton had put a dropper spout in it.

Barton then presented the plastic bottles to a company in St. Louis. This company bought 10,000 bottles in order to distribute spray cologne.

"Once these two companies got this on the market, every cosmetic company in

the world wanted them," he said.

Because Barton was working as a designer of the company, he only received his salary for the inventions.

"I got my salary and that's all," he said.

"It still irritates me when I think about it," he said. "It is a billion dollar enterprise."

"Hell, if I'd got 5 per cent of the royalties I'd be out of here in a Cadillac with a chauffeur."

"I originated the first one and from there they branched out into all these other uses," he said as he pointed to various plastic containers in his room.

Identification bracelets are another item Barton has on his list of inventions.

"I originally intended it to be used for identifying babies," he said. Before his invention, babies had been identified with bead bracelets. Barton said the identification bracelets are now used by hospitals, the Army, and more.

Barton also decided to try to make a fishing lure from plastics. The problem that confronted him was the task of trying to find a plastic flimsy enough to wiggle.

Barton finally found this plastic at a California-based company, and proceeded to work on what later became the "Merry Minnow."

"If you held the minnow by the nose and your heart beat, his tail wiggled," he

said.

After he presented the item, Barton's employer offered to finance it for him.

"That thing looks more like a fish than a fish does," said his employer.

Wright McGill, a tackle company, contacted Barton about the possibility of selling his lures. Barton sent each of the company's salesmen a dozen lures, and each of the salesmen replied with approval.

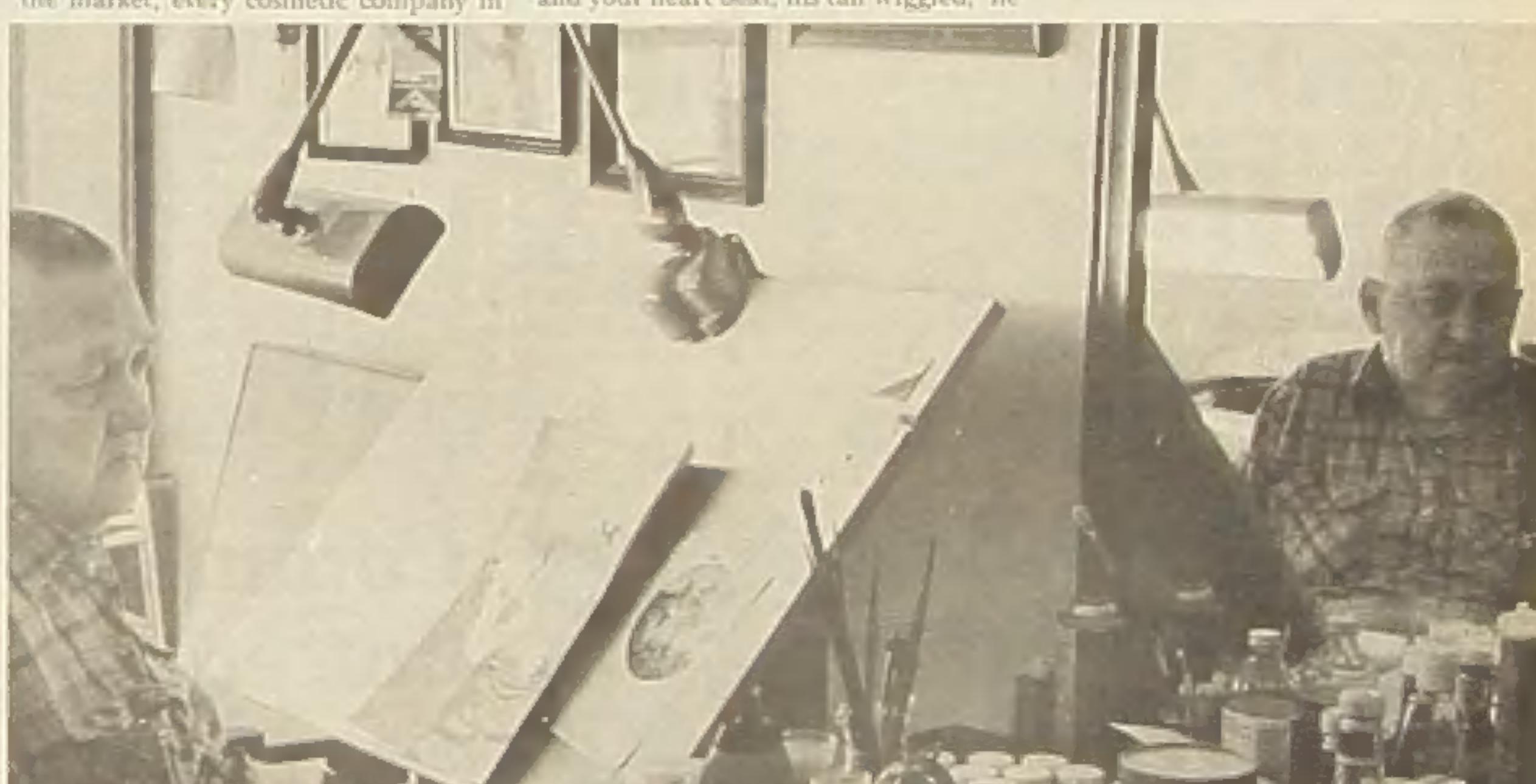
"Overnight we had sales companies from all over the United States that wanted to sell them," he said. "That year we sold \$10,000 worth."

According to Barton, the problem with being an inventor is the marketing of the product.

"I made lots of things I couldn't do anything with," he said. "It will take you \$15,000 to market something that sells for \$1."

He created novelty items. One was a plastic picture frame shaped like half an apple. A picture was placed in the center and the phrase "Apple of my eye" was on the base of the object. A company in Arkansas wanted to market these, but Barton could not produce them on a large enough scale.

"If I went through and told you all the cotton-pickin' things I did," he said. "It's really wild for someone to have done all the things I have."



Showcase Many of Murray Barton's paintings are displayed over his easel.

Visitors admire artist's creativity

Barton begins painting to occupy his mind

Amidst an array of colors, Murray Barton utilizes his creative talent to occupy his mind.

Barton had never attempted painting until he moved to Chastain's Tradition House in Joplin. Since then he has come close to mastering the art.

"My work is all detailed," he said. "These artists that glob paint on and say it's a bouquet of flowers, well, I wouldn't have it in my house. In my work, if there's a drop of water on a leaf, you'll see it."

Barton's work is not original. He recreates a picture with acrylic poster paints. He has no preference on subject matter. He does ships, animals, flowers, and almost anything a person would request.

"I look at it, draw it, and paint it," he said. Some paintings take him three weeks or more to finish.

His decision to begin painting resulted from his inability to communicate with

other residents of the Tradition House.

"When I came in the people were all so senile," he said. "There wasn't anyone I could communicate with. I had nothing in common with anyone."

"You've got to do something," he said. "There ain't no way I'm going to sit here and look out a window, or look at a wall. It's to occupy my mind."

Barton purchased his drawing table so he would have something to do.

Visitors of the Tradition House often stop to admire Barton's work, which is displayed on the wall above his drawing board. Many offer to buy the paintings.

"That does something to you," he said. "Every time someone says, 'Oh my, that's beautiful. I wish I had your talent,' it's nice."

In July 1984 Howsman's Office Supply hosted a display of Barton's paintings, along with pewter pieces he designed when he owned the Murray Pewter Company in Carthage.

Before entering the Tradition House, Murray was working with pewter pieces. These pieces were unique due to the fact that each part that was supposed to work,

did. The miniatures consisted of spinning wheels that spin, wheels that turn, churning that churn, and doors that open.

"All the Hallmark stores in the four-state area had them," he said.

While this business was in its prime, Murray began having problems with circulation in his legs, resulting in their amputation.

Shortly after the amputations Hallmark sent him two items and asked him to make a bid on them. They wanted \$12,000 for each of the items. But because of the amputations, Murray felt he was unable to complete the order to his satisfaction.

"It was good to my ego that a company like Hallmark would come to me," he said. "They could hire any artist in the world."

Regarding Murray's artistic abilities, he can accomplish almost anything.

"I used to say that I could do anything anyone else could do," he said. "And I darn near did. I've done everything that I've tried to accomplish."

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—At the Capitol—



Surplus

Senator Richard Webster, R-Carthage, discusses state funding for higher education. With a predicted \$250 million surplus in general revenues after expenditures and estimated general revenue receipts of \$2.9 billion for FY 1986, Webster says Missouri is on sound financial footing. (Chart file photo)

Outlook for increased appropriations at Southern is 'bright' Proffer says reason is in inequity built up in past budgeting formulas

By Martin C. Oetting
Executive Manager

JEFFERSON CITY—Outlook for increased appropriations for Missouri Southern is bright, according to Rep. Marvin Proffer, Democratic chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. The reason, he says, is an inequity built up by past budgeting formulas.

Legislators are currently holding hearings to determine how much in state appropriations Missouri Southern and other state colleges and universities will receive for Fiscal Year 1986.

According to Proffer, legislators are looking at several items in determining appropriations.

"We are currently holding hearings in which we look at the requests of the institutions themselves, the recommendations submitted by the Coordinating Board [of Higher Education], and the recommendations submitted by the governor," Proffer said. "We are still looking at projected income for the state for the next fiscal year, and we are also trying to determine what we can fund in 'one-time money' from unobligated reserves from this fiscal year."

Three figures are observed when determining appropriations. These are the base figure, which includes all operating costs incurred by an institution during the previous year; add-on funds, which are new funds each year "added on" to the base for the next year; and one-time monies, which are only appropriated for one year and are not added on to the base.

Each year, the Coordinating Board reevaluates the operating base of each institution and gives funding recommendations on a percentage basis. Funding each institution receives depends on the operating base from the year before plus any add-on funds.

Several years ago, a formula for figuring appropriations to state colleges and universities was introduced. Proffer said the old formula was not fair and equal to all institutions.

"The old formula didn't work right," he said. "As a result, three schools have built up historical inequities. These schools were Southern, Southeast Missouri State, and Harris-Stowe. We will be appropriating so much over the next few years to bring their averages up to where the other schools are."

State legislators are still trying to decide

just how the appropriations will be figured for each school.

"We must decide if we will appropriate 95 per cent of the base plus add-on expenses, or if we should just appropriate 95 per cent of the add-ons alone," Proffer said. "Last year was the best for funding higher education in the last four years. Everyone got a chance to buy equipment, increase salaries, etc."

Proffer said he felt very positive about the job Missouri schools are doing in educating students.

"We are really doing a good job of teaching the students," he said. "We do a good job with what we get."

"But if we keep going as we have been in appropriations," said Proffer, "we're never going to catch up. We do the best we can with what we have, though."

"It's going to be a good year [in the legislature] for higher education and for public schools, as a whole," Proffer said. "My priorities are three: funding elementary, secondary, and higher education; research and technology; and economic development projects and programs that generate money and make the state grow and develop."

FY'85 means surplus

Unobligated reserves lead Senate to consider one-time expenditures

By Daphne Massa
Editor-in-Chief

JEFFERSON CITY—One-time expenditures are the main thrust to budget proposals by the Missouri Senate for FY 1986.

Lack of sufficient revenues in prior fiscal years is leading the Senate to consider one-time expenditures for higher education for the next fiscal year.

Reports show there will be a surplus of some \$250 million in general revenues after projected expenditures for the current fiscal year. These are "unobligated reserves," Senator Richard Webster, R-Carthage, said.

"I've been here for seven recessions," Webster said. "The first was 1951-52. We don't want to put \$250 million into continuing programs; we want to put it in all in one shot."

"Libraries and science labs had to hold back in replacing books and equipment. We are asking that \$25 million be used to catch up."

These monies would be used in the State higher education system.

Regarding elementary and secondary schools \$10 million would be used for one-time purchase of computer learning equipment.

The University of Missouri-Columbia law school would receive \$16 million for a new school. And, according to Webster, this would "free up funds provided by the issuance of the remaining third State building bonds for other higher education construction projects."

From the \$250 million surplus, \$50 million will be added to the operating reserve fund. Webster said these funds will allow the State to delay in distributing money and meet obligations.

"During the last recession," Webster said, "the State was in a position where it couldn't pay its bills on time."

Another \$57 million would be used to pay for the retirement of bonded indebtedness of the State where in excess of 10 per cent is being paid.

Webster said that FY 1986 looks like a year where "substantial improvements" are made. Our estimates indicate the revenue receipts for FY 1986 will be

He also said he felt the State was able to "provide a \$90 million increase in the elementary and secondary school system to be distributed through the education formula; set aside \$50 million in the Education Reform Trust Fund allocated on passage of some type of education reform act; increase funds for the college and university system by \$10 million, and provide a 10 percent living pay increase for State employees approximately \$50 million. And the State will leave \$130 million for other State programs such as economic development, corrections, mental health and social services."

Webster added, "Now for the first time in several years, Missouri is on solid financial footing."



Inequities

Missouri Southern's economic outlook is bright, according to Rep. Marvin Proffer. Historical inequities should result in more appropriations for Southern next year. (Chart photo by Daphne Massa)

Commissioner says public interest not equal to institutional dreams

One-time base adjustment for Southern among budget proposals

By Daphne Massa
Editor-in-Chief

JEFFERSON CITY—"Public interest in higher education is not equal to the dreams and aspirations of all the institutions," Shaila Aery said.

The budget is to what Aery, Commissioner for Higher Education, was referring.

She explained that the budget process begins with revenue projections for next year by the Governor, the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

She said the Governor projected a growth of 6.4 per cent for Fiscal Year 1986. "It is a major difference from the 7.5 or 8 per cent the House and Senate projected. We disagree with the Office of Administration [which makes the governor's prediction] as to what the growth of revenue will be next year."

"We think it will be closer to 7.5 or 8 per cent," she said. "As a result, we expect that the Legislature will appropriate close to 95 per cent of the Coordinating Board's recommendations."

Among proposals for the budget is a one-time base adjustment for Southern, Southeast Missouri State University, and Harris-Stowe State College. This has, Aery said, caused other institutions to cry the same need. But she said only these institutions qualify for the base adjustment.

The reason, she explained, is a historical inequity caused by formulas used previously to determine the base appropriations for these institutions.

Proposed for Missouri Southern is a sum of \$239,383. Proposed for Southeast is \$1.7 million, and for Harris-Stowe \$292,874.

On another subject, Aery said that while program review was underway by the CBHE, the threat of dropping programs in State institutions appeared to be a possibility.

But, Aery said, there will have to be a "trade-off of geographical or financial access to poor programs. We have a neighborhood concept of higher education. We have 50 schools and financial access as opposed to geographical access."

"Lincoln University," she explained, "has some unaccredited graduate programs. One man drive 30 miles further to the University of Missouri at Columbia and find the accredited programs, there are accredited."

"We should, therefore, drop those programs at Lincoln and use the money to strengthen the undergraduate offerings there."

With the CBHE program review came a recommendation that Harris-Stowe be merged with the University of Missouri-St. Louis. This recommendation did not pass the Academic Affairs Committee of the CBHE, and it was revealed to The

Chart by a State Senator that Aery herself did not support that recommendation. She was acting, she said, as a "buffer" between the individual institutions and the legislators. That's part of my job," Aery said.

Regarding Harris-Stowe, Aery said, "In 1978 I would never have recommended Harris-Stowe be started. But now that the eight miles they have to the University of Missouri-St. Louis is in eight million light years, I have tried to find the best way to improve the education there."

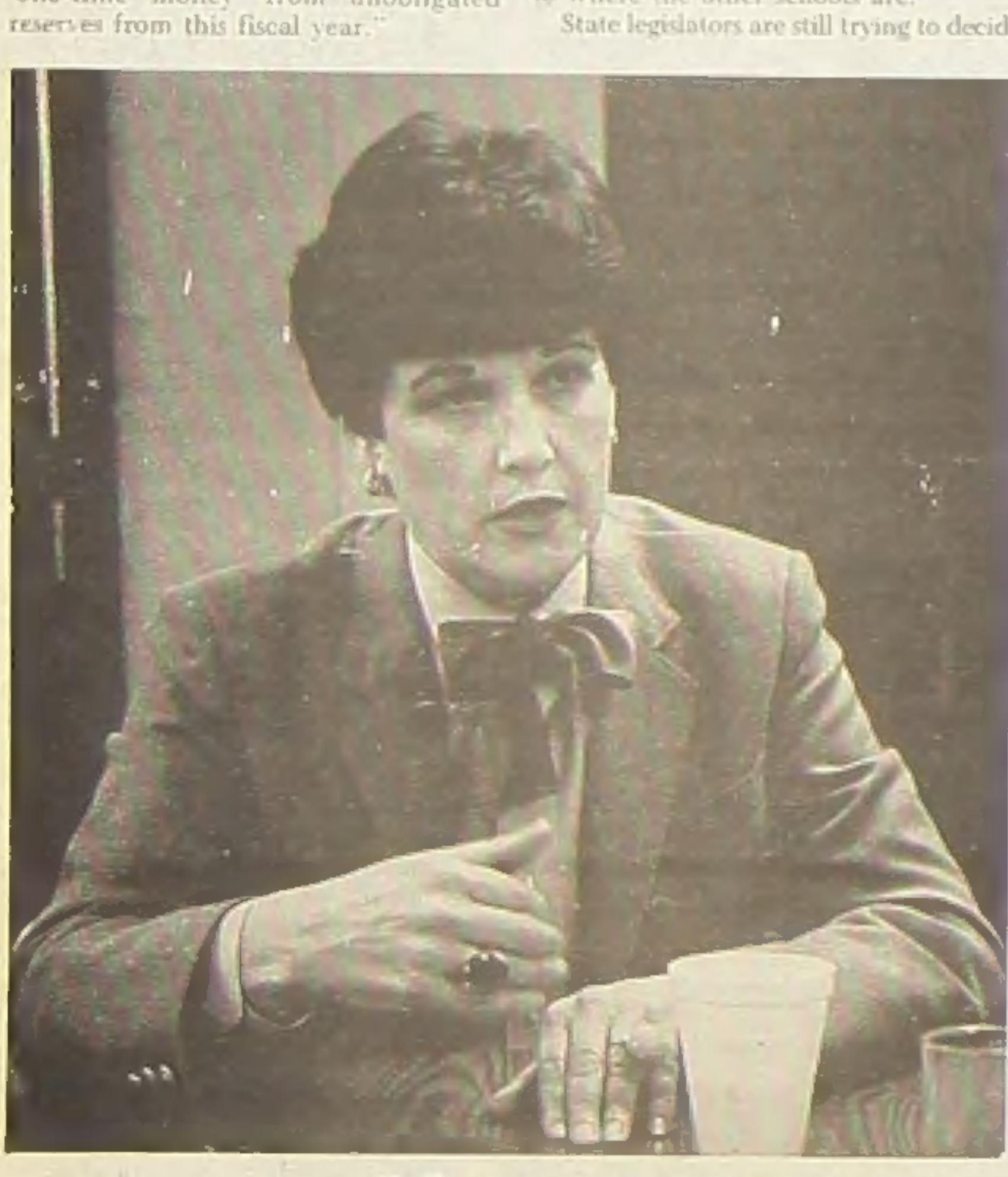
Since Aery became Commissioner, she has guided higher education toward achieving quality.

Aery defined quality as "how well an institution carries out its own mission, how many papers it has published. Quality has nothing to do with size."

Speaking further about the budget process, Aery said that in Missouri, individual institutional budgets are different than in most states. "In Missouri there is no line item budget. President [Julio] Leon can use the money any way he wants."

Aery said there are still "problems." Some institutions are spending more money on athletics and later saying they don't have enough money for academics.

But at Missouri Southern, she said, "more of budget expenditures go toward instruction than at any other college."



State Appropriations

Shaila Aery, Commissioner of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, believes the Legislature will appropriate close to 95 per cent of the Board's recommendations for state institutions. (Chart file photo)

'Higher Education in Missouri is mediocre', Weber says Representative considers quality her main concern in education

By Daphne Massa
Editor-in-Chief

JEFFERSON CITY—"At best," said Winnie Weber, "higher education in Missouri is mediocre."

Weber, State Representative from the 104th district in St. Louis and Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, said quality is her main concern in education.

"I'm sure funding is a problem," she said, "but does more money make you a better teacher?"

She concluded that it "probably does [higher education]," said Weber, "needs more funding and sincere professors concerned with teaching. A teacher is only as good as the student he puts out."

In regards to future funding for higher education under Gov. John Ashcroft, Weber said, "He is going to treat us well. Higher education is the most important thing in the State. He has to recognize

this."

Another area, Weber said, that adds to the strain on institutions' budgets is the duplication of programs. She said, "It spreads funds too thin."

Lincoln University, she said, was doing just this. She explained that although Lincoln is relatively well funded, its faculty salaries are low. Through information provided by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, it has been noted these low salaries would appear to be resulting from the fact that Lincoln has a staff comparable in size to those of institutions twice its size.

Weber said people from Lincoln are confusing reducing its programs and improving its quality with a racial issue. "This is not," she said, "a black and white issue. We need to pull together and achieve quality education."

When asked what schools in Missouri are "quality," she named the University of Missouri at Rolla and "a few others. I think Northeast Missouri State Universi-

ty should become a liberal arts college. There is a lot of jealousy [between other state institutions] over this recommendation though."

"It is very important to fund the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri—Columbia. It is one of only 14 in the United States and the only one in Missouri."

Weber also said, "I'm not against any institution. But they all have to upgrade education. Education is throughout the United States. They should all be concerned with the future of higher education."

Weber called Dr. Shaila Aery, Commissioner for Higher Education, "a great administrator. She said that the job is done whether they [the institutions] like it or don't like it."

According to Weber, "Quality will emerge. There will be quality or they [the institutions] will be pushed out, and now we have more institutions than we need."



Quality

A main concern of State Representative Winnie Weber (D-St. Louis) is quality in higher education. (Chart Photo by Daphne Massa)

Higher Education will receive 'fair share' of lottery monies Dirck says receipts cannot be earmarked specifically

JEFFERSON CITY—Missouri's state colleges and universities will be receiving sound monies generated by the state lottery approved by voters last year, according to Senator Edwin L. Dirck, Democratic chairman of the state appropriations committee.

Bumor had it that some of the monies generated from the lottery would be earmarked for education, but Dirck said this was not true.

"Education will get their fair share of the lottery receipts," he said last week, "but they will not be earmarked specifically for education. If they are, there could be no lottery."

Dirck said the bill passed by voters indicated funds generated from the lottery could not be earmarked for specific areas.

Concerning the possible reductions in

federal aid to students proposed in Reagan's fiscal year 1986 budget, Dirck said he could see it coming.

"It's going to hurt," he said. "Everybody knew it was coming. Anyone who could read a newspaper or watch a television broadcast could see it coming."

"It's unfortunate that defense spending is not being reduced. That's unfortunate for the hungry kids, and unfortunate for education and higher education since they are going to have to take the lumps."

Some legislators have recently indicated they would like to play a greater role in planning academic programs for state colleges and universities. Dirck strongly opposed such actions.

"If the legislators want to run the universities, then they can apply for the jobs," he said. "We set the policies for the

state. Let the schools run themselves."

Missouri's general revenue receipts have been increasing in recent months. When asked where the additional monies are going, Dirck said they have increased at the same rate as the revenue receipts.

Legislators are now holding hearings to determine the amount of state appropriations colleges and universities will receive for FY 1986.

"Within our means we establish priorities as to what schools get what amounts of money," he said. "We establish certain priorities, and then attempt to appropriate a percentage within those recommendations."

Dirck said legislators are currently looking at funding 94.5 per cent of the Coordinating Board's for Higher Education recommendations.



Education Sen. Edwin L. Dirck: "If the legislators want to run the universities, then they can apply for the jobs." (Chart Photo by Daphne Massa)

Bill would increase input Public would have role in leader selection process

By Simon McCaffery
Associate Editor

is important that students today be informed and active in legislation concerning higher education.

"The price of colleges is rising and the sources of financial aid are dropping," he said. "I hear students complain all the time about rising tuition, dorms, and fees. All students should get out and speak."

Hebron cites the "Bear-Pac" (Political Activist Commission) organization, of which he is a member, as an example of how students may become more politically aware and active.

"The Bear-Pac is a good opportunity to involve students," he said. "It's a chance for students to start something."

While the organization was not as active last year as it desired, it did register 2,000 new student voters.

"This year we really need to get on our feet, so representatives know we will be active and accomplish things."

Hebron urges fellow students in Missouri to consider lobbying organizations and believes in the need for *Education Insight*.

"From the standpoint of keeping students alert, you never know who might be interested," he said.

A student himself, Hebron believes it

Plans for the proposed article are well underway; four columns have been planned and written, and steps are being taken to contact people who might publish the regular feature.

"We are planning an article to send to Student Government and College presidents telling them to support the student newspaper and express our ideas,"

said Hebron. "We want the article as a column. It is not publicity; we just want to keep everyone alert and informed about what is going on in higher education. We hope to publish the column every Friday."

These bills are at a critical point. If the House Committee on Higher Education heard testimony on bills of particular interest to universities throughout the state,

House Bill 131 was presented by Representative Bob Holden. This bill would establish a committee at each state college and university to assist the governor in the selection process for regents and curators. The committee would have twelve members consisting of three students, three faculty members, and six citizens. Four of the six citizens would be alumni of the university or college. This committee would present the governor with a list of potential curators or regents when a vacancy occurs.

The intent of this bill is to give the public more direct input into the selection process for the leaders of our institutions of higher learning. According to Dr. Herb Schonning, former Chancellor of the

Department of Higher Education FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Prior year expenditure	Current year planned	Budget year CBHE request	Governor recommends
Higher Education Coordination	\$574,578	\$637,657	\$1,339,430	\$1,271,324
Proprietary School Regulation	13,856	50,445	58,218	51,562
Applied Projects Fund	49,978	445,000	500,000	445,000
Student Financial AIDS	20,383,315	22,657,808	33,763,118	62,246,937
State Anatomical Board	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
Missouri State Library	4,289,752	5,255,243	5,674,984	5,332,623
State Aid to Junior Colleges	33,560,138	43,345,243	5,674,984	5,332,623
Institutions of Higher Education				
Central Missouri State	19,942,588	21,159,218	24,777,076	22,358,875
Southeast Missouri State	17,582,431	19,092,297	23,546,553	21,803,395
Southwest Missouri State	25,529,777	27,873,307	34,705,999	31,290,126
Lincoln University	6,387,362	7,230,576	8,363,457	7,367,035
Northeast Missouri State	13,962,069	15,108,302	18,870,584	17,256,464
Northwest Missouri State	11,065,741	11,655,406	13,967,977	12,591,204
Missouri Southern State College	6,561,753	7,677,565	9,376,330	8,607,458
Missouri Western State College	7,457,748	8,183,074	9,636,931	8,828,787
Harris-Stowe State College	3,122,465	3,268,621	3,571,245	3,000,000
Missouri University				
Education and general	167,346,590	186,273,283	222,329,783	199,256,798
Hospital and clinics	12,826,655	13,734,108	18,717,868	14,555,154
Missouri Institute of Psychiatry	1,856,764	1,994,925	2,106,142	2,094,273
Missouri Kidney Program	1,967,781	3,646,902	3,676,348	3,000,363
State Historical Society	427,105	474,498	525,391	495,728
Higher Education Research	0	500,000	1,000,000	890,000
State Seminary Fund	997,221	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Summary Fund Interest	36,640	225,000	225,000	225,000
DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	\$361,994,905	\$401,558,978	\$492,501,341	\$471,973,703

	General Revenue Fund	Federal Funds	Guaranty Student Loan Fund	Institutional Gift Fund	State Seminary Fund	State Seminary Moneys Fund
	\$346,300,019	3,210,652	4,280,852	4,880,852	4,890,316	
			11,435,395	14,981	13,910,082	52,897,735
				110,000	40,000	40,000
					1,000,000	1,000,000
					1,000,000	1,000,000
					225,000	225,000

STUDENT FINANCIAL AIDS

	Prior year expenditure	Current year planned	Budget year CBHE request	Governor recommends
Missouri Student Grant Program Administration	\$181,747	\$149,743	\$158,757	\$154,923
Missouri Student Grant Distribution	8,766,173	9,194,270	10,604,279	9,194,279
Guaranteed Student Loan Administration	1,621,633	2,313,778	2,910,082	2,897,735
Investment of Funds—GSL Program	313,782	311,881	311,000,000	50,000,000
DIVISIONAL TOTAL	\$20,383,315	\$22,657,808	\$33,763,118	\$62,246,937

Southern Faces

Warren experiences long, anxious wait

Preparing for exam was great ordeal

By Tammy Coleman
Features Editor

It's over!

The scores have been tabulated, the results are in, and the grade is a passing one.

Steven Warren, a member of the Baird, Kurtz and Dobson accounting firm, recently received his results from the Uniform Certified Public Accountants Examination, passing on his first attempt.

The examination is given across the nation in May and November of each year. Warren chose to take his in November because the heavy tax season preceded the May exam.

Warren described the wait as a long, tedious and anxious one.

"I was probably more nervous than I've ever been in my life," he said. "When you take it in November and get the results back in February, it's an anxious wait."

Warren was hoping for good news, but he was not going to get his hopes up. According to him, the test is something different than a person ever experiences in college. Preparing for the exam was a big ordeal, and he could not compare the actual exam to anything.

The day the scores arrived Warren was working. Around three o'clock in the afternoon he was overcome by anticipation, having to go home and check. He described his reaction as he read the results.

"I was ecstatic, very happy and greatly relieved," he said. "It's a great feeling and a big weight off your shoulders."

Following completion of high school, Warren worked two years and then decided to attend college, unsure of what his major would be.

"When I went back to school I wasn't really sure," he said. "I took an elementary accounting course and really liked it."

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After settling on a major in accounting, Warren wasted no time deciding to go into public accounting. So far he is happy with that decision.

"I think it's one of the best decisions I've made," he said. "It's right up there with marrying my wife (Cindy) this summer."

Even though Warren has passed the required examination, he will not be able to claim the title of Certified Public Accountant for 11 more months. Along with the exam passage, two years' working experience is required. He has been working as an accountant since January of 1984 when he was hired by Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson.

As of yet, Warren has not decided on a specialty area. He enjoys most aspects of his work, but confesses he likes audits more than taxes.

Changing procedures and guidelines make his work a constant challenge, Warren says. There is always something new to learn.

"As soon as you think you know something," he said, "you find out that humbling is just the next question away."

This is not just for the new members, though; everyone within the firm has to keep on top of things.

"We have some of the top experts in the area," said Warren. "But, they can't just sit idle and not keep up with the changes or pretty soon they won't be experts any more. You can't be stagnant."

Warren believes Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson is a highly respected accounting firm, and a certain amount of recognition comes with being a member of that firm.

"We're professionals; we're treated like professionals, and we're expected to act like professionals," he said. "You get respect when you say you're from B.K. and D., but you have to gain it on your own, too."

Warren is impressed by the team work displayed by all members of the firm. There are many good people in the firm and all do their share of work, he believes, adding that it all relates back to the professionalism of the employees.

"We're professionals, and in return, we're expected to act like professionals," he said. "In turn, that entails doing your share of the work."

One myth of accounting that bothers Warren is people's believing an accountant is always working with numbers. According to him, they are working the biggest part of the time more with people than with numbers.

"You're around people the biggest part of the time," he said, "and our clients are what keeps us going."

Motivation to succeed is one of the things that keeps Warren going during the



Passed examination

Steve Warren, a member of the Baird, Kurtz and Dobson accounting firm, recently received news that he had passed his CPA examination. He feels a certain amount of recognition comes from being a member of the firm. (Chart photo by Martin C. Oetting).

Dooling enjoys team approach

Becoming a partner, 'top of the ladder,' is his career goal. He's impressed with open-door policy of company members

By Tammy Coleman
Features Editor

Certified Public Accountants must be dedicated to their career, according to William J. Dooling, a senior member of the accounting firm Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

Dooling enjoys the change and variety of work his job involves. Because he is involved in auditing many local firms, he rarely spends a considerable length of time in any one place. The changing environment and variety of clients allow contact with many different persons.

Dooling's primary emphasis is on auditing in the trucking area. He works with companies such as Tri-State Motor Transit, D.L. Sittin Motorlines, Wayne Daniel Trucking Company, and various independent lease operators.

A substantial amount of his time is spent working on the audits. The heavy audit season coincides with the heavy tax season. The members of the firm work together to get everything done.

"It's a team approach to getting it all done," he said. "Everyone shares the load and we all work comparable hours during the busy season."

Dooling feels Baird, Kurtz and Dobson is a highly respected firm in the four-state area.

"We're by far the largest in town," he said. "Due to the stringent quality control which has evolved through the matur-

ing process of the organization, the quality of the service is high."

Four position levels are available in the firm. The first is staff, which usually lasts three to four years. The second is a senior position, which Dooling describes as an in-charge position. The senior is in charge of most of the audits he works on and is responsible for reporting to the manager or partner.

The third position is manager, and the fourth and final position is partner, which takes nine to 12 years to achieve. Dooling has named this as his career goal.

"If you're going to stay in public accounting, that's the top of the ladder," he said.

Dooling is impressed with the open-door policy displayed by all the members of Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

"Any staff would be comfortable walking into a partner's office with a problem."

Due to the fact that most of his clients are calendar year clients, the auditing has to be done near the end of the fiscal year. This accounts for one of the major disadvantages of the job, which is the time spent working between December and April. According to Dooling, the hours between these months are heavy and constant.

"You can't just work from eight to five like a factory job," he said. "You've still got to read and study. You're a CPA 24 hours a day. It's not just a job, it's a

lifestyle."

He also spends about five weeks a year traveling to four-state bases which have outlying clients. Travel consists of auditing subdivisions of local companies.

Dooling's wife, Kim, does not like the hours that he has to work during the season, but realizes it is necessary.

"I don't like all the hours, but it comes with the territory," she said.

Dooling feels it is just a matter of properly allocating the time he does outside interests.

"Since you don't have a guaranteed time, you have to make it quality," they said.

Dooling graduated from Missouri Southern with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1982. He passed the Certified Public Accountant exam in November 1983 and was certified in 1984.

He described the exam as "tough."

"It's difficult, but I like taking tests," he said. "It gives you an energy while you take it."

When considering his career Dooling had to decide between a mathematics teacher or accounting. The key in making the final decision was money. Accounting had a larger financial reward.



Glover chooses Southern over Pittsburg program

'Leon went out of his way to make me feel welcome,' says 1983 accounting graduate

By Keri James
Staff Writer

When Eric Glover was deciding where to further his education, it was the individual treatment he received from Dr. Julio Leon that made his decision easier.

Leon, now president of the College, was then dean of the school of business.

"I was trying to decide between Pittsburg State University and Southern," Glover said. "Leon went out of his way to make me feel welcome." Glover graduated from Southern in 1983.

Glover, who had an associate's degree from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, was working at Phillips Petroleum Company out of Bartlesville, Okla., at the time he decided he wanted to go back to school.

"I felt that I needed to further my education to capture the goals I had set for myself," Glover said. "It was the individual treatment that I received from Leon that made me feel that Southern really was interested in its students' needs. I have no regrets for choosing Missouri Southern."

Glover received an accounting degree from Southern with an emphasis in economics. He has been employed for the past year with Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

"I really like the atmosphere in which I work," Glover said. "We work long, hard hours this time of year, and I have never

seen one bit of friction. I am very pleased with this firm."

The variety and the new situations Glover is involved in daily is why he enjoys his profession so much.

"I am the type of person who is not bored," he said. "This is definitely a good job."

For some time now Glover has been studying for his Certified Public Accountant certificate.

"A personal goal of mine has been to get my C.P.A.," he said. "It is by no means my final goal; I still have a lot of continuing education to get."

Baird, Kurtz and Dobson has spent training to keep its employees up-to-date.

"I plan to take some courses in computer science from Southern in the future," he said. "I find computers very interesting and they have many applications."

Glover said, in his opinion, the Baird, Kurtz and Dobson hires Southern graduates due mainly to its location to the area.

"If they can find a competent graduate who is happy with the area and is confident, there is an excellent chance that son will be a success," he said.

Glover said the company has had excellent success with Southern gradu-

**At work**

Jim Hardy prepares to help a small business with its financial planning.
(Chart photo by Martin C. Oetting)

Accounting is a 'fun field' to Hardy

He finds teaching to be relaxing hobby

Teaching is just a hobby for Jim Hardy. Hardy, a certified public accountant for Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, also teaches a cost accounting class one night each week at Missouri Southern.

"I enjoy teaching; it is really a lot of fun and keeps me up on this field," he said. "In my class I have 28 different people with 28 different sets of questions. That means I really have to pay attention to what they are saying."

Hardy is aware of the reputation that accounting has as a dull or boring field, but he maintains that "it is a fun field if you get enthusiastic about it."

He was pleased with his reviews from students last semester and would like to teach as long as he is needed since he finds teaching to be a relaxing hobby.

Hardy also speaks at seminars and will be speaking at Southwest Missouri State University in early May on the topic of financial planning for small businesses.

Hardy works in management services and business consulting and mainly works for consulting small businesses on their personal financial planning, business plans, and income tax.

"I like to help young business people to get started," he said. "It is important for them to know where they are going to, where they want to go, and how they are going to get there."

Hardy graduated from Southern with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in accounting in 1972 and had several jobs before coming to Baird, Kurtz and Dobson in November 1984.

He spent five years at Leggett and Platt in Carthage, where he was chief accountant, and afterward opened his own accounting office in Joplin.

Just prior to coming to Baird, Kurtz and Dobson he was the plant controller at Motorola.

In the late 1970's he was the vice president of Southern's Alumni Association.

Hardy's long-range goal is to become a partner at Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

Brown becomes partner with firm

After competing with B, K and D, he respects their professionalism

In January 1984, James E. Brown merged with Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, and became a partner in that firm.

"Having competed with B, K and D for a long time, I had a great deal of respect for their professionalism and their abilities," said Brown.

According to Brown, the move would extend his outreach to his clients.

"I decided that there was a better business opportunity and I would be able to offer my clients better strength and service because of the size of the regional firm."

time demanding the employee stay current," said Brown.

"They have a very strong quality control program," he said, "and they make sure the office meets federal standards."

Brown is impressed in the firm's involvement in the community. It gets involved in the community through participation in various and civic organizations.

Members of the firm are encouraged to participate in community organizations and help provide programs for these organizations.

"I enjoy working with people and the feeling of accomplishment I get when I know that I've helped somebody overcome their problems."

Brown is primarily an audit partner in the area of engagement and management. He reviews the work papers and reports. He also is responsible for duties in working with clients and solving their problems.

He shares two other duties with other partners in the firm. The first is development more business, which involves getting new accounts.

A certain amount of administration is the second duty.

"We are a business in and of ourselves," he said. "So, we have to manage ourselves, too."

Brown specializes in governmental and non-profit organizations. He works with various area schools, including Joplin public schools and Ozark Bible College. He is also in charge of the audits for the City of Joplin.

Area respect for the firm, Brown feels, stems from the respect of the profession as a whole.

"The Certified Public Accountant Profession as a whole is respected," he said. "If we don't have public confidence in a profession, what's the reason for the profession?"

He also feels the firm has certain qualities from which it receives respect.

"They have good people and they really try to help the employee progress along with their career path, while at the same

Brown is a member of the Subcommittee of American Institute of CPA, which is the auditing sub-committee of the board of examiners. This group of persons puts together the auditing portion of the Certified Public Accountant's exam.

He enjoys his job and the challenges that come with it.

"I enjoy working with people and the feeling of accomplishment I get when I know that I've helped somebody overcome their problems," he said.

"I enjoy the variety of situations we get involved in," he said, "and the fact that everyday when you come to work there is always something new and challenging."

He feels the CPA profession is only for certain persons.

"You either like it, or you don't," he said. "You have a lot of deadlines and a lot of demands on your time. There are only certain types of temperament that will succeed in certified public accounting."

One disadvantage to the profession, according to Brown, is amount of work he has to do in the amount of time he is able to devote to it. It causes a feeling of leaving some loose ends, he said.

"It's not the most glamorous profession in the world," said Brown. "You don't get rich at it, but you can make good money at it when you're willing to work."

Deel achieves his goal

He has much more responsibility than before

By Tammy Coleman
Features Editor

When Daryl Deel graduated from Missouri Southern in May 1975, he set as his goal a partnership in a Certified Public Accounting firm within a 10-year period. Effective January 1985, he achieved just that.

In working toward his goal he remembered the words a fellow businessman had once told him: "The difference between a job and a career is about 20 hours a week."

When Deel began his college career, he had not decided on a particular major. However, two options he was considering were accounting and computer science.

"I didn't know which way I wanted to go," said Deel, "so I took both. Accounting seemed an easy for me, and it just kind of evolved. I finally realized it was a good career for me."

After deciding upon a major, he had to make the decision whether to go into public or private accounting.

"I figured I could go to a CPA firm, and if I didn't like it, I could go into a private firm," he said.

While working for Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, Deel received many job opportunities from the clients with whom he was working. But Deel decided he would stay with public accounting.

"I felt I would be limited by working for just one company," he said. "I helped myself in the long run."

After deciding to go into public accounting, Deel soon realized the amount of commitment required for success.

"It's difficult to succeed in public accounting without commitment," he said.

He also believes a certain amount of motivation is necessary. He attributes his motivation or drive to his athletic involvement.

"It's a desire to drive and always excel that keeps my motivation up," said Deel. Now that Deel has received the partnership, he has a great deal more responsibility than before. This involves a monetary motivation.

"We hire quality people and pay them well," he said. "We also spend money in continuing education for personnel."

"We have to keep the clients happy," he said. Deel is often working with younger and

first year persons. When they seem to get confused or down he tries to help them out.

"Even though I've been in the business 10 years," he said, "it seems like yesterday I was that first year person."

In order to help that person, Deel says he tries to support them, and put himself in that position.

Deel feels a partner is responsible, in part, for bringing along young staff professionally and personally.

Having been there himself, he realizes the difficulty in making the transition from college to a confused environment.

"It's like coming from a position of being at the top of the class," he said, "and all of the sudden, you're at the bottom."

The progress of the younger persons is essential for the progress of the firm, according to Deel. When a person who is under another person does well then the in-charge person is able to achieve and grow more. In turn the firm grows.

Deel directs the recruiting activities for Baird, Kurtz and Dobson. The decision to hire a new person is a group decision. In hiring, the firm looks at a person's grades, extra-curricular activities while in college, and job experience.

"We're looking for the well-rounded personalities," he said.

Another important aspect is how a person handles his time.

"What we sell is time," said Deel, "and if you waste time then you're not getting the most benefit out of it."

Deel attributes the success of the firm partly to the specialization policy it has. This enables the members to be able to rely on others.

"We feel that you can't be all things to all people," he said. "So, each of us spend time in the areas where we can do the best."

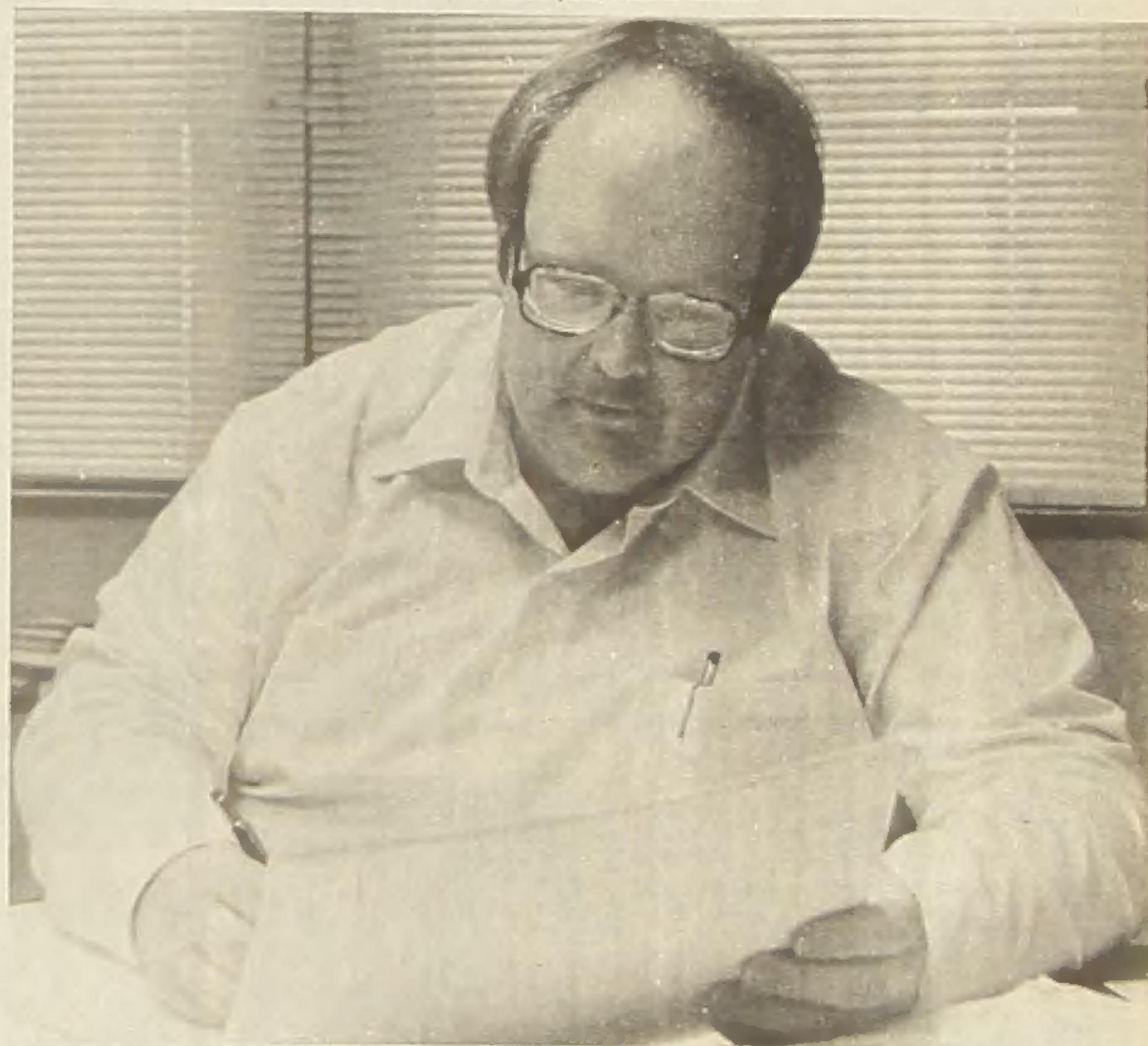
He also feels the firm the firm is respected is because it tries to uphold the profession of the CPA.

"Above all we try to uphold what a CPA really is," he said. "We try to uphold trust. We do high quality work, and we won't compromise that."

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Steve Williams works on a tax problem for a client.

Historian changes to accounting field

Williams returns to Southern for new degree

It is not usual to find a certified public accountant who is also an expert on British history, but Steve Williams is one such individual.

Williams graduated from Missouri Southern in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in history, and later went to Kansas University to get his master's degree.

He had originally hoped to teach college but changed his mind soon after graduating.

"The job market in history was particularly bad at that time," said Williams. "About this time my brother

had gotten involved in a project in accounting, and I got interested in accounting through him."

In 1977 Williams returned to Southern to get a bachelor of science degree in business administration in accounting.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would go straight through to accounting because it is such a good and interesting field," he said.

In November 1979 Williams passed the two-and-a-half day Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam on the first try, which is something that less than 10 per-

cent of those taking the exam accomplish.

He then went to work for Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, and for the next two years worked under various CPAs.

As a graduate of Southern, Williams believes the College has a strong accounting program.

"You can see evidence of that in the many graduates from there who have come to work for us and stayed," he said. "Right now this firm has partners and three of them are products of Missouri Southern. In the business department at Southern the students get close contact with the faculty and actual hands-on experience."

On Stage



*Joplin Police Department
sponsors Hamid Morton circus*

Circus delights children young and old alike

Singing ringmaster Earl Michaels opened the Hamid-Morton Police Circus last Saturday for a crowded auditorium of children and adults.

Clowns Teggy and Cigar amused the audience with their musical instruments and antics to get applause, while the children ate blue cotton candy and waved their he-man lights or wore their visors with flashing lights.

Mademoiselle Jacqueline performed a trapeze act, swinging close to the ceiling of Memorial Hall. Included in her routine was a half-twist move, catching herself by her bare heels.

Fourteen-year-old Sullivan juggled flaming torches and clubs. He is the youngest juggler to juggle six hoops at one time. His younger brother, Demitrius, did a balancing act atop four chairs while their mother coached from the sidelines.

Many of the acts are family groups, including the Rix's, a father-daughter team, who train Siberian and Polar bears.

"The animals are trained, but not tame," said James Hamid, circus owner. "The training is done with love, and the people enjoy animals. They (the bears) are trained from the time they are cubs, but as they grow older, their instincts come into play."

Children in the audience laughed at The Widgets—Shaggy, Willy, and Bubbles, as they tumbled and danced around the ring, and watched in awe as Natasha balanced swords on her forehead while climbing a ladder.

Sue and Rudy led their chimpanzees into the ring to ride bicycles and walk on stilts. They ended their performance with the chimp rock and roll band concert.

Saturday was Channel 12 Day at the circus. Diane Gonzales, Rich White, Russ Riesinger, and Dale Noah filled in as guest ringmasters. The Wainrights included Dale Noah, KODE-TV weatherman, in their trampoline act, trying to teach him to do a somersault.

Other acts included Lisa's Dog's, the Parade of Palamino's, and the Super Locos tumblers which performed a variety of stunts for the audience.

Many of the circus performers did not arrive in Joplin until early Saturday morning due to a storm in the east that prevented them from traveling. As a result, Friday's performances were rescheduled for Monday.

Everyone arrived for Saturday's show but the elephants, who missed a good time.

**Story
By
Pat Halverson**

**Photos
By
Richard Williams**



Clockwise from top: Sue and Rudy present the "Rock and Roll Chimp Band" finale to the chimpanzee's act. Sullivan, one of the youngest jugglers to juggle six rings at one time, demonstrates his skill with three pins. Jeannette and Albert Rix, a father-daughter team, show off their trained bears. Some of the bears weigh over 1,200 pounds. Clowns Teggy and Cigar amuse the crowd with their comical antics between acts. Singing Ringmaster Earl Michaels entertains and announces upcoming acts. Manuel proves his skill by spinning and jumping over a rope while balancing on a roley-poley board. Lisa's Dogs perform for the crowd by pushing a baby carriage and riding on horseback around the ring.



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Arts Tempo

Photographer sues artist for plagiarism

Painting was part of Spiva Art exhibit

By Steve Gilbreth
Staff Writer

Sometimes dreams can turn to nightmares, especially when a person sees another man's inspirations.

Jack Mendenhall, West Coast Realist artist, has been charged with plagiarism for a painting he did that recently hung in Spiva Art Center's West Coast Realism exhibit. The painting was taken from a photograph by Howell Davis, which appeared as a liquor advertisement in the magazine *Architectural Digest*.

"Couple on a Terrace" is a painting that depicts a man and a woman looking into one another's eyes, with two glasses and a bottle of cognac at their side.

Davis, a New York photographer, holds the original rights to the photograph. He sued Mendenhall and O.K. Harris Works of Art Galleries in New York for not getting the proper rights to use his photograph.

Mendenhall did give credit to the photograph in the catalogue which circulated with the showing.

Val Christensen, director of Spiva Art Center at Missouri Southern, was contacted by Fred Boyle of O.K. Harris and instructed to allow no further photo sessions of the painting.

Davis said the new copyright laws, effective in the late 1970's, give protection to photographers and that artists are becoming more aware of them.

"It is an unusual case; to my knowledge nobody in this syndicate

has had this happen," said Davis.

The hair and make-up man who worked on the original photo saw the painting hanging in O.K. Harris and brought it to Davis' attention.

Davis has received a cash settlement from Mendenhall and Harris for his photograph.

Mendenhall said that such a thing does not happen that frequently.

"It has happened only twice; once from a syndicated magazine and they were delighted with the results of my painting."

Mendenhall said he exhibits in New York and paints from material that is an overview of California life-style.

"I work with the gallery art group. Using this (the photograph) came unexpected; art works and photography are not viewed in the same arena."

Davis said his photographs are "original works" of art, and will be seen as an original work of art.

Christensen said the exhibit is on the eighth stop of 11 places. The next stop is Texas. After the tour is over the painting will return to its owner.

The painting is from the private collection of Howard Riffkin.

Christensen said, "Artists respond aesthetically to their work and don't think about the legalities."

"The implications are much broader than people realize. People run off copies of music and video tapes without realizing that it is illegal."

Debators win invitation to Kansas University

Second year for a Missouri Southern team

Placing in every debate tournament in which they have competed has won Ken Bartkoski and Todd Graham a special honor.

Bartkoski and Graham have been invited to participate in the Heart of America Debate Tournament at Kansas University this weekend.

"Some of the strongest teams in the nation will be there," said Richard Finton, debate coach. "The Heart of America Tournament is the strongest tournament in the nation outside of the national tournaments."

This is the second year a Missouri Southern team has been asked to participate in the tournament, which is by special invitation only.

"This is the best college debate tournament in America," Graham said. "The good thing about this is

that Missouri Southern will be noticed by schools other than those in our district.

"We will improve our reputation just by attending."

Graham said he and Bartkoski are putting the finishing touches on their arguments.

"Kenny is working on the negative blocks and I'm working on both of our affirmative cases."

"We've been doing really well affirmatively so I'm getting those cases polished up."

Last weekend debate teams traveled to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

David Watkins and Joyce Mason placed fifth in CEDA debate, losing to Oklahoma Christian College. Graham won fifth speaker in NDT debate.

His family has been in the circus and entertainment business since the late 1800's. Hamid's grandfather was a Lebanese acrobat who toured the country with Buffalo Bill. At the end of the tour, his grandfather ended up owning the



James Hamid keeps his spirits up after the first circus cancellation ever. The Hamid Morton police circus had to postpone its performance scheduled for last Friday due to bad weather in Ohio. (Chart photo by Barb Fullerton)

Circus owner keeps his sense of humor

Hamid says business is in his blood

Owning a circus is not always fun and play, but James Hamid appears to keep his sense of humor under the worst circumstances.

Clowns, elephants, and polar bears were stranded in Ohio last week, causing the postponement of performances scheduled for last Friday. Police in Ohio were not allowing anyone on the highways.

"We have been on the road for 15 years," said Hamid, "and this is the first time we have had to cancel a day."

Hamid is familiar with all of the things that might go wrong in the business of putting on a show. He grew up working with his family at its Steel Pier Amusement Park in Atlantic City, N.J.

"It spread one-half mile over the Atlantic Ocean, and had three theatres, a ballroom, and a circus arena," said Hamid. "You could pay \$1.50 and see three pictures, a concert, a vaudeville show, and a circus."

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"I always wanted to go into the family business," Hamid said. "I hate to say it, but it's true. It gets in your blood."

As the owner, Hamid is responsible for the groups traveling with his circus. There are families with children, married couples, and, of course, the animals. The children get their education from correspondence courses until they are 18.

"It is like a small city of people moving from location to location," Hamid said. "We do 21 cities in six months; approximately 200 performances."

To have a successful circus, according to Hamid, there must be three basic ingredients: a wild animal act, elephants, and clowns. The rest of the show is built around these. There are about 20 acts in Hamid's circus.

Hamid was still trying Friday afternoon to locate all the animals and make sure everyone was all right. By Saturday morning, everyone but the elephants had arrived. The show did go on.

"Nervous," said Hamid, "is turning the corner and seeing if there are people at Memorial Hall."

'Falcon' brings out abilities

Penn, Hutton
rekindle
dynamism
of 'Taps'

By Simon McCaffery
Associate Editor

The Falcon and The Snowman

The dynamism and dimension that actors Timothy Hutton and Sean Penn generated in *Taps* is rekindled in the motion picture *The Falcon and The Snowman*.

While the title of the film is quite appropriate, a good subtitle might read *Fall From Innocence*. *The Falcon and The Snowman* is the acme (based on a true story) of two young men who have grown up together and destroyed themselves together. Once altar boys, Hutton has become a vengeful, disillusioned intelligence employee stealing documents that Penn, a small-time drug dealer and hustler, sells to a Russian ambassador. Hutton is the mastermind, proud of his ingenuity and cunning, wishing to be like the bird he keeps as a pet, a predator; he takes the code name "The Falcon."

Hutton's character embodies the rebellious mind, Penn's the opportunistic salesman. While Hutton believes in his cause, Penn's character feeds and lives off the imagined glamour and intrigue of being a spy. Both characters eventually forget their motivations when the true horror of the film's message become apparent; that the game they have started cannot be called off and they have fallen under control of those they sought to control.

When it is far too late to end the nightmare, every element in the film seems to scream the question: "How did this happen? How could things get so out of hand?"

Photography, lighting, script, and casting all click together to produce the dizzying, doom-ridden mood that earmarks the film. Besides listing the positive technical elements of *The Falcon and The Snowman*, it is important to credit much of its success to the skill of Hutton and Penn. Both actors went to extreme lengths to shape and fill out their respective characters, to the point of visiting their real counterparts in federal prison.

The Falcon and The Snowman is a superior film that successfully immerses the viewer in the post-Vietnam feelings of distrust of the CIA. It is the tragedy of two young men who reject the control and power their country exercises. The ending of the film is as ironic as it is expected; the boys are imprisoned while Hutton's falcon is set free.

Lay's job often requires the unusual

Student activities director once had to chauffeur Rick Springfield

By Pat Halverson
Arts Editor

Chauffeuring Rick Springfield and stopping in Denver for Sheena Easton's mineral water is just part of the job for Kathy Lay and the Campus Activities Board.

"One of the first things CAB members learn is how to read a contract," Lay said. "If the contract is signed, we have to know what is in the contract. We have had groups ask for everything from individual oxygen tanks to M&M's with all the brown ones picked out."

After Lay drove Springfield in her car to the racquetball courts at a private club, her son let his friends use the car Springfield sat in—for 50 cents. Flying back from a trip to California, she was met in Denver by her sister, who had mineral water for Easton. The mineral water Easton requested was not sold in the Joplin area.

"Total involvement" might describe Lay and the CAB staff. They spend many hours each week arranging activities for the student body and faculty.

Lay has been student activities director for five years. Before graduating from the College in 1979, Lay worked in the dean's office and on the CAB board. Student

activities were handled through the offices of the men's and women's dean.

"I saw a need for expansion," Lay said, "and I started working toward that goal. It took three years."

Students involved in the CAB get experience in personnel matters, public relations, and budgetary problems. The CAB consists of an executive board and a general board which is divided into committees. Committees plan the activity, arrange dates and facilities, contact agents, and obtain information about costs and availability.

"Most events are free," said Dale Lipe, CAB member. "We work on a break-even basis."

"But we never break even," said Suzanne Callaghan, student president. "People don't realize the amount of work involved."

"Activities are not planned for students only," said Callaghan. "Activities are for the faculty members, too. Student members would like to see more participation from the faculty."

"Our biggest success," said Lay, "is the way the students have responded. Because of our reputation, now people call us instead of calling them."

Carol Livingston, secretary for the student activities office, is the

second most important person working for the CAB, says Connie Everitt, chairman of the tour and travel committee.

"When Kathy is not here, she takes care of everything. We call her Aunt Carol," said Everitt.

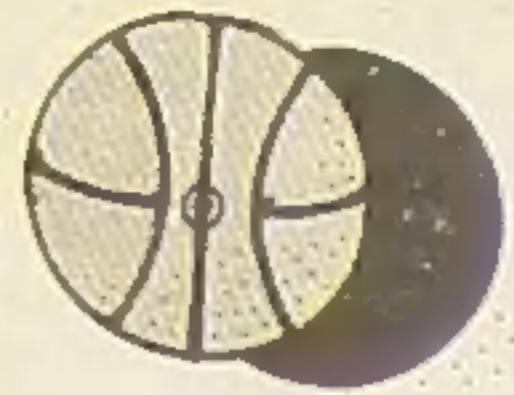
CAB is active in the National Association of Campus Activities, a group which holds workshops with lawyers and agents, and committees. Members are taught to read contracts and deal with legalities and personalities. Southern's Brent Harris is a state representative to the Heart of America, a regional division of the NACA. Harris is concert chairman for the CAB.

"It's nice to be involved," Harris said. "Smaller schools can be more involved than other schools. I have had a lot of opportunities that I wouldn't have had at a larger school where the jobs are paid positions. We learn what to do and what not to do. We learn the business."

"The group gets to be close friends, like family," Lay said, "and they take care of each other. One of the hardest things for them to learn is that success is not measured in numbers. If you have done your best and it reaches the audience, it is a success."



"Shades of Blue," the Air Force Band of Mid-America, was on campus last Tuesday and presented a concert in the Lions' Den. A member of the band is shown during the presentation. (Chart photo by Ed Hill)



Statistics

Lady Lions Basketball

(21-3 record)

(10-1 district)

(9-3 CSIC)

(12-1 home)

(9-2 away)

Player	TP Avg.
Womack	372 15.5
Fly	348 14.5
Sutton	326 13.6
Rank	226 9.4
Wilson	181 7.5
Kliche	167 7.0
Evans	128 5.3
Klenke	100 4.2
Murphy	21 1.8
Gilmore	17 1.4
Cantrell	13 1.2
Wittig	7 1.0
Team	1910 79.6
Opponents	1459 60.8

CSIC Standings

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Southern	9	3	.750
Mo. Western	8	4	.667
Washburn	7	4	.636
Emporia St.	7	4	.636
Fort Hays St.	7	5	.583
Kearney St.	4	8	.333
Pittsburg St.	3	9	.250
Wayne St.	2	10	.166

Lions Basketball

(9-17 record)

(5-5 district)

(4-8 CSIC)

(8-5 home)

(10-10 away)

(1-2 neutral)

Player	TP Avg.
Garton	628 24.2
Parks	355 13.7
Ward	264 10.2
Taylor	175 6.7
Greene	165 6.3
Starkweather	93 3.6
Peltier	69 2.8
Harris	21 2.6
Frencken	25 1.5
Gillion	24 1.0
Foster	5 1.7
Team	1824 70.2
Opponents	1825 70.2

CSIC Standings

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Fort Hays St.	11	1	.917
Washburn	9	2	.818
Kearney St.	8	4	.667
Emporia St.	5	6	.454
Wayne State	5	7	.417
Mo. Southern	4	8	.333
Pittsburg St.	3	9	.250
Mo. Western	2	10	.167

Intramurals

Basketball (Monday's Results)

Taco Kid 89,

Hoop Busters 57

Patriots 64,

Silver Bullets 61

Five Easy Pieces 47,

Playground All-Stars 41

City Boys 116,

Ramblin' Guys 42

Rim Bangers 82,

Bronzel Brothers 55

(Tonight's Games)

6:15—Hoop Busters

vs. City Boys

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Richard & Gonads

7:15—playoffs

8:15—playoffs

The Sports Scene

Lions face crucial tests this weekend

Southern must win 2 to make playoffs

To qualify for the NAIA District 16 basketball playoffs, Missouri Southern must defeat Missouri Western and Wayne State on the road this weekend.

The Lions, 9-17 overall, meet district and conference foe Western at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph. The Griffons have an 8-17 record and are also looking to qualify for the playoffs.

Wayne, 13-13, hosts the Lions at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The Wildcats swept a pair of CSIC games at home last weekend.

"We need to win these two games this weekend in order to make it in the district playoffs next week," said coach Chuck Williams. "We have played some tough teams this season."

Southern dropped its fourth and fifth straight games last weekend, falling to Fort Hays State 71-64 Saturday night and to Kearney State 79-73 Friday night in Young Gymnasium.

"We have come within a few points of winning against a lot of teams," said Williams. "But they were just a little better than us."

Despite its five-game losing streak, Southern is still ranked fourth in this week's Dunkel Ratings for District 16. Eight teams, including two conference champions, advance to the post-season playoffs. The University of Missouri-Kansas City, Drury College, and Rockhurst College hold the top three spots in the poll.



On the move

Jeff Starkweather drives against Fort Hays (Chart photo by Daphne Massa)

Lady Lions rout Pittsburg State, 83-50

Southern increases overall record to 21-3, league record to 9-3

Team effort led the Lady Lions past Pittsburg State University 83-50 in a Central States Inter-collegiate Conference game Tuesday night in Young Gymnasium. Southern boosted its overall record to 21-3 and league mark to 9-3 with its second victory over the Gulls this season.

Suzanne Sutton's 12 rebounds helped the Lady Lions to a 50-24 edge on the boards. Anita Rank had eight recoveries while Gail Klenke and Becky Fly each had seven.

Five players were in double figures for Southern. Dawn Kliche

and Fly each had 14 points while Rank, Margaret Womack, and Sutton added 12 points apiece.

The Lady Lions will begin NAIA District 16 playoff action next week after traveling to Missouri Western and Wayne State this weekend. Tournament action will be held Feb. 25-March 1. Seeding of the teams will be announced today.

Womack scored 25 points to lead Southern Saturday night in an 84-63 victory over Fort Hays State.

The junior forward was named CSIC Player of the Week and District 16 Player of the Week for

her efforts.

Coming off the bench, Rank, a freshman, contributed 15 points and four steals. Womack, Rank, and Kliche grabbed seven rebounds each.

The Lady Lions led at halftime 35-30, and were able to gain a lead, shooting 54.2 per cent from the field in the second half and 43.8 per cent overall.

With 17:46 left in the game, Fort Hays came back within one point of the Lady Lions, 37-36, but Southern shot seven straight baskets to gain the lead for the victory.

The Lady Lions crushed Kearney State, 89-68, Friday night for another CSIC victory.

Womack rallied her team with 23 points and seven rebounds, while Fly added 20 points.

"The girls always play a strong second half, now we have to try to play a full game," said coach Jim Phillips.

"We have excellent group of girls coming off the bench to relieve the starters. Gail Klenke always puts forth a great effort, along with Peggy Gilmore and Angie Murphy," said Phillips.

Lions to meet U of A New transfers bolster squad's hopes

A young, inexperienced team will hit the baseball field at the University of Arkansas this Saturday. The Lions will play against the Razorbacks at 1 p.m.

"It's a start for us playing against the 25th ranked team in the nation," said coach Warren Turner. "They have an astroturf field, which means we have a 99 per cent chance of playing no matter what the weather is that day."

Turner enters his ninth year as head coach of the Lions with a 189-134 record.

Pitching coach Steve Luebber, who is presently with the San Diego Padres, will assist during his off season.

Southern's roster consists of 31 players, including 13 members of last year's squad that finished 22-22.

The young team only has three seniors on the team: Marty Nagel, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound pitcher from Jackson, Mo., infielder Mike DiCenso from Springfield, Ill., and outfielder Lee Smith from Anderson, Mo.

Southern also has 12 junior college transfers. Pitcher Danny Sheeley, a transfer from Crowder College, was drafted in the first round in the 1983 amateur draft by the Philadelphia Phillies. According to Turner, "Sheeley decided to finish his education, and came to Southern, which was really glad to have him. He will be an asset to our team."

Brian Taylor is a transfer from Allen County (Kan.) Junior College. Taylor, a first baseman, is also playing basketball for the Lions.

Southern received five players from area high schools. Outfielders Jody Hunt and Steve Phillips and pitcher Fred Warden were members of Parkwood High School's 1984 state championship team. From Memorial High School the Lions received Scott Livingston, who was the only freshman who finished in the fall starting lineup. Catcher Kert Rust of Mount Vernon and pitcher Jeff Mills from Shawnee Mission, Kan., also join the squad.

Southern will play five nationally ranked NCAA Division I schools this season, including Oklahoma State, Indiana State, Wichita State, Oral Roberts, and the University of Arkansas.

"We haven't had the chance to get outside and hit off live pitching. We'll be a little behind, but one good thing is we have the astroturf to practice on when the weather gets bad," said Turner.

"We have an advantage over a lot of teams because we play a majority of our games at home this season," he added.

Southern's first home game, weather permitting, will be against Concordia College on March 2 at the newly renovated Joe Becker Stadium.

Lions will host the Mutt Miller Classic with the Elks Club sponsoring a free feed for the teams participating. The teams are College of St. Francis, Grandview, Iowa, Winona State, and South Dakota University.

Southern's Joe Becker Stadium will be the setting for the NAIA District 16 Tournament this season.

Frazier signs 2 recruits

Gossett, Baumhoegger will join football squad

According to head coach Jim Frazier, two high school recruits were the first to sign a letter of intent to play football for Missouri Southern next fall.

David Gossett, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound all-state performer, was a first team selection at offensive tackle in the Kansas Class 5A all-state team. He was co-captain of this year's Chanute High School team.

Gossett also finished third in the heavyweight division at the Kansas state wrestling championships. He

was state champion in track and field in the discus as a junior.

The other freshman recruit is Vince Baumhoegger, a 6-5, 265-pound offensive lineman from Lutheran South High School in suburban St. Louis. Lutheran South advanced to the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs this

Baumhoegger plans to major in pre-veterinary medicine and will see action at either strong side offensive guard or tackle for the Lions this fall.



Bodon adds pain to staff

Former player to add volunteer next year

Coach Hal Bodon is looking forward to two familiar faces added to his 1985 soccer coaching staff.

Thom Buffington and Crimmons have agreed to serve on a voluntary basis next year.

Co-captain of the 1984 Lancers, Crimmons was the third leading scorer with 20 goals on seven goals and six assists. He was a four-year varsity letterman for Southern, seeing action in 35 games and averaging one goal per game in his career. He completed his eligibility with career totals of 25 goals and 19 assists. Crimmons is a graduate of Webster Groves (Mo.) High School and will complete his degree in economics at Southern in 1986.

Buffington comes to the Lancers program with a wide variety of experience. The four-year starter at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington received his bachelor of arts degree in physical education in 1977. He also played for Yokohama Country and Athletic Club in the British Import League and was selected as the team's most valuable player after leading the squad to the league championship in 1977.

In 1980, after completing his master of arts degree in administration at the University, Buffington joined the U.S. Navy.

Buffington was transferred to Joplin in October 1984 as commanding officer of the U.S.



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